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gaining 2.65/pfennigs th a sixwerk high of DM 3.1045, while the Dollar Index rose to 142.9 Mr Larry Speakes, While House spokesman, said that the from 142.7. Slerling lost 35 points to \$1.198, but firmed idca would he to hold spending In the 1985-86 fiscal year, which begins next October, to the \$965bn projected for the curagalnst European curreocics. Page 27

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U.S. government spending in Socakes said. officials said, after. Republican a group of working miners, iristees, iristees, an effort to halve the hudget in Socakes said. The targets proposed by Mr congressional leaders lold him the social stockman, the Bueget- ca. Thursday that it would be in the fiscal year. The factor in the sequestrators, had urged the inder the 1987-88 fiscal year. The Director, involve cuts totalling easier to sell to Congress than the the A.63m in Luxenbourg is judge not to accept the under, while House said yesterday. Social years in the promine indeel year, while programmes originally i more than half the money the taking. The NUM leaders, he

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More than 60 people died when Tamil separatists atlacked two farms in northern Sri Lanka and the army counter-attacked.

Rebels in peace talks

El Salvador's leftwing rebels proposed a power-sharing "consensus government" during peace talks with the U.S.-backed government. Page 2

Six years for killer

John Lambert, 34, was jailed for Page 24 six years at Oxford Crown Court for the manslaughter of his three young daughters. He strangled them after finding his wife was unfaithful.

Derailment inquiry

DBS: Britain's direct broadcast British Rail ordered an Inquiry into the derailment of five maches of a Hereford-London ing by satellite project will he uncconomic unless the costs of the planned three satellite sysexpress. Six people were hurt, tems are reduced, according to none seriously.

Refugees flee Ghad

At least 146,000 Chadians have fied to neighbouring states 10 escape civil war and famine in the last two months, the UN refugce organisation said.

Hawke set to triumph

Anstralians go to the polls today, with Premier Bob Hawke's Labor Party expected to win a landslide victory. Page 2

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South African policemen used tear gas in disperse shoppers, mainly blacks and Indians, struggling to get into a cut-price ahle New England group. Page supermarket near Durban.

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BICC, electrical group, plans 10 spend £19m on reorganising its rise business in the north-west, building two plants, but making up to 430 people redundant.

at current nominal spending levels would mean a real reduction in overall spending. Officials, however, said that even that would not be enough to produce the savings needed. Any freeze would not he

across-the-hoard, they said. Some programmes would have to he cut or climicated while others. such as defence and social security, would be allowed to

Mr Reagan still believed that would intal some \$58bs over the target of a \$100hn deficit by the inree years, starting with 1987-1988 could be met through up to \$10bn in 1985-86.

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Mr Reagan yesterday coninue examining the oplions untouched. Mr Storkaian has with his hudget advisers after suggested reducing or climinatsuggested reducing or eliminating programmes program from farm supports to the Export-import Bank: posiponing a Cabinet meeting which he had planned to set departmental spending guide-lines. Mr Speakes said that Mr Imoort Bank: It seemed 'elear, however, Reagan would continue his that the freeze would still not "line-by-line" study of pro-spare a nurther of the pro-grammes on Monday and Tues-grammes, in . Mr Stockman's day, at which point he would "hlack book.", the loose leaf

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U.S. trade figures, Page 2

BT staff rush to take up shares

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BY ALISON HOGAN

the project co-ordinator. Page 4 ABOUT 95 per cent of British PRUVENTURE, the venture Telecom's 241,000 employees are thought to have applied for their allocation of 54 free shares capital arm of Prudential Portfolio Managers, and 3i (Investors in Industry) arc jointly underwriting a £12m management buyout of West-bury Homes, Cheltenham-based in the privatised company. in spite of onposition from the Post Office Engineering Union. Four out of five BT workers are seeking additional shares. The Government has offered

HARLAND AND WOLFF, state to give two shares for every one owned Belfast shipbuilders, cut purchased by BT employces. up its losses by 30 per cent to to a maximum value of just over £29.8m in the year to March 31. £100.

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Applications overall are expected in total about 21m. Most TEXTRON, New England conof those made hy the nublic ciomerate, made a \$1.3bn (£1.09bn) offer for Avco, a are for small amounts of 200 slightly larger and more profit- and 400. Renuesis for larger amounts of 1.200 and upwarks line." said Mr John Wodgar, are reported to have tailed-off

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member of the Stock Extrange and is thus not governed by its rules. Hill Wonlear, another licensed dealer outside the The trading floor of the Stock Exchange will be open until 6 pm on Monday so that dealings in BT shares can continue after the late 3 pm start. The Stock Exchange Council has also agreed that dealings in other electrical stocks may proceed, as a number of deals are expected to involve switch bar

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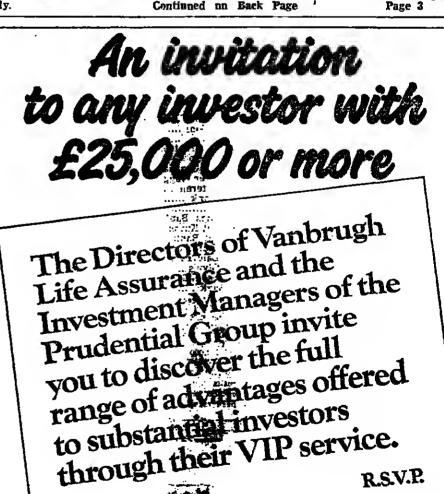
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OVERSEAS NEWS

Hopes raised for Hawke set world trade talks next year

BY ANTHONY MCDERMOTT IN GENEVA

THE PROSPECTS for a new involvement of the Gatt Secre-round of trade liberalisation tartat in trade and services. endorsements from Mr ir Dunkel, director al of the Con talks with Arthur general of the General Agree-ment on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and the European Community developing countries continued to express reservations, especially over the issue of trade in services. Mr Dunkel indicated that Gat had virtually set its heart on a Ministerial meeting in

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1986 to launch the oew rouod. "We will put up the umbrelia (for negotiations) in 1985," he said 1986." "and open it in

Summing up the five day Gatt annual meeting here Mr Hans Ewerlöf, the Swedish chairman of the contracting parties, said it was obvious that 1985 would be an important oerhaps critical year for trading system. "Above the trading system. "Above all, our work in 1985 should lay the necessary basis for the substantive negotiations which problems of the trading system." he said.

But the developing countries were less enthusiastic. Mr Shrirang Shukla, the Indian ambassador to Gett and a leading third world spokes-man, said there was insufficient information available for including trade in services as the U.S. and others want. It micht therefore be necessary to withhold agreement to a round

of raika as early as 1986. The meeting today accepted a Gatt budget for next year of Sv:Fr 56.5m (£19m), an increase ef 11 per cent. The U.S., which will contribute 14.9 per cent of this, had originally made its acceptance subject to the full on the substance of the issue."

Portugal to sell shares in

some state companies

for triumph in today's election By Michael Thompson-Noel in MR BOB HAWKE'S right wing

Labor Government is expected to consolidate its grip on power in today's Australian general The aession accepted without election. discussion the review of the work programme started in 1982, This covered such issuea

The evidence points to a swing to Labor of between one and two percentage points-a personal triumph for Mr Hawke as trade in counterfeit goods, exchange rale fluctuations and and a further hlow to Mr their effect on trade, agricul-Andrew Peacock, the emhattled ture, quantitive import restric-tiona, and rules relating to opposition leader.

Labor has an ll-pnint lead in the polls, enougs to give Mr Hawke a majority of 50 seats in the polls, enough to give Mr in the enlarged 148-seat House temporary protection from im-ports for threatened industries —" the safe guard " clause. Mr Paul Luytens, head of the

EEC delegation, said the Com-munity was committed to carryof Representatives. For the first time ever, all major media groups have en-dorsed Labor. The defection of ing out the 1982 programme. He anticipated the possibility of a The Herald newspaper in Mel-hourne, which for 129 years has new round of trade talks starting in 1988, and confirmed that supported the Liberals, is seen the EEC would accelerate its as especially damaging to Mr Peacock and the opposition. tariff cuts for developing countries agreed under the Tokyo Round, The cuts will be The Australian, published by Mr Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation, supported Labor, niade in January next vear,

as did the John Fairfax news-The EEC would also abolish Since gaining power 20 months 320. Mr Hawke has remodelled the Labor Party and or liberalise during the next year 26 quantitative restrictions on such items as sports shocs, cut taxes on tropical producta captured the middle ground. and negotiate an Improved His success in wooing husiness general system of preferences is based on a pay and prices pact with the unions which he for developing countries, The 40th session of the 90 pledges to maintain-despite member nations of Gatl had some reservations over the relooked at one stage to be headturn to indexed wage increases. ing for a deadlock which could For its second term, Labor have underminded the organishas promised genuine expenditure restraint, and a major re-view of the tax system.

Early in the New Year, It expects to welcome in a clutch of foreign hanks as the latest step in a campaign to liberalise finance and banking.

Italian inflation declines to 8.6%

ITALY'S ANNUAL inflation rate dropped below 9 per cent in November—its lowest level since 1973.

Prices last month rose 0.6 per cent, producing an annual inflation rate of S.n ner cent compared with the same twelve months to November 1953. It

do more to reduce intemploy- well below the economy forethat the state acquired pacoes do Estador which in the 1975 revolu-recent times has allowed them would require, the document The total value of petroleum nf debt. ment, which is expected to show later makes clear, the with-drawal of U.S. military adviseasted real growth rate of up to . been from slower rises in the prices products imported rose by 11.4 of these companies were more competitiveness. at best only a modest decline at best only a modest decline 3 per cent in particular social per cent last month as crude n x; year from its present \$.6 wolfare spending is being imports increased while the known to pall nice Eastern of Imported commodities, from ers to the Salvadereau governbloc contracts out of the bag measures to reduce the effect of trimmed by 4.4 per cent, but average price per harrel edged operty of privale com. 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Tom Burns meets the head of INI, Spain's public sector industrial holding company will prohably be some private Occidental business on the ht muer and cork. agenda in Moscow. Look like a Socialist; axe like a tycoon Meanwhile, Dr. Hammer is not letilng any of the criti-cisms of his management **BASE LENDING RATES** methods cramp his style. On his way back from Moscow he 91% Hill Samuel A.B.N. Bank "THE DAY I took over at INI he completed, thinks service in cratic background and his Franco's death even more lame to the Japanese group Fujitsu, the blast furnace at Segunin 1974, That was a very before political militancy - "all the ducks came to roost in INI as The priority concerns, how-Allied Irish Bank host the sixth Dr หว่ไไ Armand Hammer conference 91% 91% The priority concerns, how-Amro Bank General Franco 17 and at a time when the Fortion Socialist Obrero Espanol (SOE) was on peace and human rights party members in Madrid filted the Government made Industrial went out-it was a rood omen." Henry Anshacher ever, over steel, shipping, capiin Madrid and will then join into one apartment when I peace a major priority. Com-panles were saved and joh Armco Trust Ltd. savs Sr Luis Croissier who was tal goods, the car producer Scat Associates Cap. Corp... 105% Banco de Bilhao 91% Rank Hapoalim 91% BCCL 91% joined" - who would be the King Juan Carlos of Spain fo recently appointed chairman of and thenational airling Iberia. open an exhibition of more likely capitain of industry security assured by the INI take-Spain's public sector holding illegal. illegal. He was named under secretary of state at the instry of Industry in 1982; when the Leonardo da Vinci work at the Prade. The exhibit is A lotal of ten companies (INI in say Mrs Margarel Thatcher's overs. company, Instituto Nacional de controls \$3 companies and 600 Brithin, He does not appear to Meghraj and Sons Ltd. The redefinition focuses on Industria. have much time for nationasubsidiaries) acount for 90 per Leonardo's Coder, a notebook The closing of the furnace at a role for INI as the aurgeon's cent of the holding companies of scientific and philosophical theories which Dr Hammer hought for \$5.3m. lised industry and is strongly the Sagunto steel plant of INT's knife which will cut the fat and Socialist Government took off: -a post that owed something to his role of briefing the PSOE critical of what he calls INT's losses. Altos Hornos del Mediterraneao National Girohank ... 949 National Westminster 949 Sr Croissier's predecessor, Sr Moya among them, blamed the cripping cost of deht servicing and pleaded for significane capi-tal increases. Sr Moya had a hoped for Pla 200bn capital inwastage off the economy. 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By 9ernard Simon in Toronto The contrast between 11 We have to streamline and omen says a good deal about his ry incoming INI chairman aches the joh with set ahout "professionalising " The present INI chairman has SHIPOWNERS have filed Standard Chartered ... present and the former INI improve the economic margin a different approach: "I'm not plans for the debt-ridden and Trade Dev. Bank chairman is on paper consider-able. Sr Moya, 20 years Sr about 100 lawsuits against for the Government's hudget." going to ask for more water to fill up the bucket until I've plug-ned all the looks " H - will consprawling industrial group. The TCB the St Lawrence seaway for Some loss-making companies will have no place in INJ. Thus TCB Truslee Savings Bank new INI chairman, who is 34 years old, says he likes rapid Croissier's senior. was secre-tary general of an elile busi-Sr Croissler conlant. losses stemming from a jammed lift bridge which has Trustee Savings Bank 94% United Bank of Kuwait 94% Westpac Banking forp. 94% Whiteaway Laloit 11, 10% Williams & Glyn 94% Wintrust Sec. 1 Mar. 94% Yorkshire Bank 94% a "redefinition" of INI's decisions and he has a reputacentrate accordingly on scaling down the higger money losers the closure of the Barcelonaassociation, absolutely necessary blocked the seaway at Valleynessman's The tion for ruthlessness. se there was never, ding to Sr Croissier, a hased hall-bearing plant, Casi-Circulo de Empresarios, at the field, Quehec, west of Within a month of settling in at INI Sr Croissier had miro Soler Almiral. was ordered and reducing the labour force. time of his appointment hy the Socialist Government. He had Montreal for the past week. Repair crews are working Cooperative Bank 91% The Cyprus Popular Bk. 91% Dunbar & Co. Ltd. ... 91% Duncan Lawrie 91% at the heginning of November Then he will tackle the financent positive policy hehind ever since it was created Socialist Government. He had there since it was created had a wide-ranging business in error since it was created experience principally in the after the Spanish civil war as food sector acquiring consider the supposed bulwark of the able expertise in reconverting Francoist autarchy. INI never companies. Most importantly, became the expression of a well-Sr Moya was emphatically not braned state economy and it a Socialist His amountant became instead a monument to announced he was shutting down in what was the first summary ing issue. round the clock to clear the 91% shutdown of an INI-member one of the groun's companies Sr Croissier's declarations of hlockage which threalens to and was hiving off another. And company. inten; are enough to make trade trap dozens of vessels in the was restructuring INI's 14 Sr Croissier questions whether INI has any business union leaders wish that the pub-St Lawrence when the river Industrial divisions into three lic sector was being run by an elitist husinessman rather than freezes. areas. owning hotels or a travel FINANCIAL TIMES, USPS No 190841, published daily except Sundays and holidays. U.S. subscription relos \$420.00 per annum. Second class gostag peld at New York NY inf at additionel mailing offices. POST-MASTER send address change 1-7 FINANCIAL TIMES. 14 East 6th Street, New York, NY 10022 An economics graduate from a Socialist. His appointment me instead a monument to agency and companies in the hy a high-fiying young Socialist. 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BY ANDREW WHITLEY IN RIO DE JANEIRO production.

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BRAZIL has announced a major oll find off the coast of Rio de Janeiro stale on the fringes of to its existing Campos Basin oil field, the mainstay of domestic production. orders.

Sen Carlos Marinho Campos. exploration director of Petro-bras, the state oil company, estimates the size of the field at between 200m and 250m harrels, making it the country's second largest oil discovery.

Test production has shown a potential flow rate of 8.000 h/d, Petrobras said, well abrive average for the Campos basin. It speculated the new field reserves could be as high as

known scope of the Campos Basin beyond the 600-foot water depth line, which had effectively marked the limit of present

El Salvador rebels put peace terms

By David Gardner In San Salvador EL SALVADOR'S left-wing

rebels are seeking a phased end to the country's five-year old civil war, leading to a "government of national consensus" prior to free general elections

This is the core proposal of the programme the rehels. the FDR-FMLN, were to take tn lbc second round of the Salvadorean peace talks which hegan yeslerday at Avagualo, nine miles southwest of the capilal, San Salvador. The rehcis projosal is their formal reply in Christian Democrat President Jose Napoleon Duarie's "amnesty and clection" offer made at the first round of talks, which look place in La Palma last

Sr Duarte insisted that the FDR-FMLN take part in the electoral process within the terms of the current constitution; on acceptance of this. they would he granted an emnesty,

The rehels' reply does not address this proposal directly, saying in passing that " purely formal solutions hased on the absolute concept of the exist-ing constitutional order are not possible."

9Y DIANA SMITH IN LISBON Parliamentary leader, declared last night modities, including cars, cloth-The sharnest attack from the Occidental's covered lhis The rehels' negotlations agenda starts by stressing the ave re-In keeping with the alm of reducing the state's share of gross domestic product, public ing, telecommunications equipnow looks as K inflation will average 10.5 or 10.6 per cent Social Democrats and radical ORTUGAL'S CENTRE left The nationalised companies Greens was directed at the failure of Herr Gerhard Stoltenstock divide covered for years, and carrying a beauty Dr H ment and electrical machinery, lition has decided to sell have largely heen run hy a tes in some of the 60-odd special management body, the need to "recover national sovereignly" prior to achiev-ing a peaceful solution. This st two asticultural commodities and for the year as a whole. In 1983 i; averaged 14.7 per cent. Italy has benefited this year spending growth is heing kept ; non-monetary gold. berg, the Finance Minister, to and medium sized com- IPE (Investimentos e Partici-

nonce its decision to go ahead with the new programme by It thus gives a major boost Petrobras's long standing mid December.

Brazil announces major offshore oil find

hopes of further finds in deeper waters and could lead to a new round of equipment Dne uncertainty concerns the form of payment the Brazitiana may insist on. Petrobras has recently refusing to renew U.S. dollar contracts proposing, inslead, Petrobras is, meanwhile, expected shortly to call for part or full time payment in Cruzeiros. In turn this has led tenders for the construction and installation of a set of six or seven fixed production olatto withdrawal from Brazil of a number of foreign oil service forms for the so-called North East Pole of Campos, at an overall cost estimated at between \$1.1bn and \$1.5bn. comparties.

Faced with a cash squeeze resulting from Governmentimposed spending limits, Petrobras has restored to Three British companies, latthew Hall Enzincering, making payments to foreign contractors with two-year Admiral Thelmo Duita de Rezende, its president, said recently would be discontinued. Domestic oil output has risen

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Ethiopia rebels allege daily death toll of 1,500 9Y MICHAEL HOLMAN MORE THAN 1.500 people are Tigray controlled hy the dying daily in the famine hit government he claimed, leaving

dving daily in the famine hit regions of northern Ethiopia most people in the province under effective rebel control which is largely under TPLF control, without assitance. and a further 1.200 a day are taking refuge in Sudan, a spokesman for the Tigray People's Liberation Front Efforts to provide food from neighbouring Sudan are limited by a shortage of transport, Mr Hagos said, and only 1,000 tona TPLF' said yesterday. Mr Asfaha Hagos, a TFi.F of food a month is getting

central committee member, ap-pealed at a London press conthrough. plans to airlift 250,000 people from Tigray and Wollo proerence for help in what he described as "a very grim since-tion." International and chanvinces to southern, western and relled through the accomment central Ethiopia. Food is being of Lt Col Mancistu Haile withheld in an effort to force Mariam is reaching only a small people to move, he charged, and proportion of people in need, he the scheme was part of an effort to undermine TPLF support in

Aid goes only to towns in the region.

Bonn Parliament approves 1985 federal budget SY RUPERT CORNWELL IN BONN

DESPITE bitter criticism to the 3 per cent in 1985 would not prevent a structural underlying last from the left-wing opposiinn, the West German Parllaincrease in the number of jobment yesterday formally less, approved the government's 1985 the budget, aiming at an increase hear less. The budget was proof of the Government's heartlessness," Herr Hauff, the deputy in public spending of under 1 per cent to DM 259bn (\$70bn).

BRAZII SOUTH ATIANTIC OCEAN rapidly this year as new wells in the Basin have heen hrmight

fully on stream. Production is expected to reach an average of 550,000 h/d by the year-end and to hit the 500,000 h/d mark in 1985, meeting two-thirds of domestic consumption.

U.S. trade deficit narrows slightly in October

By Nancy Dunne In Washington

THE U.S. deficit in merchandise trade narrowed to \$9.2bn (£7.6bn) in October as imports declined and exports rose, but Mr Malcolm Baldrige, the Commerce Secretary, stuck by his previous prediction of a massive

\$130bn shortfall for 1984. The deficil for October was down \$3.5hn on September and the lowest monthly total since June.

October imports, which totalled \$27,6bn, declined by 10.6 per cent from September's \$30.8bn to their lowest level since June, Last month's exports edged up 1.2 per cent from September to \$18.4bn. the highest level since July's \$19,4bn, Some analysts are attributing

the import reduction to a slow-down in U.S. economic activity. Mr Baldridge said the deficit has been running at a \$140bn annual rale during the second half of this year, but he projected a slowing in the trend for 1985.

The October decline in Imports reflected the combined Volker effects of a rise in imports of petroleum products and a decline in non-petroleum com-

Hammer takes U.S. hopes to Moscow

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By Terry Dodsworth in New York DR ARMAND HAMMER'S stock is not riding particu-larly high on Wall Street at present, but it apparently represent, but it apparently re-mains as bunyant as ever with the Soviet Icadersbip. The maverirk S6-year-old off haron, a confidant of various Soviet leaders down the years, is to see Mr Cunstantin Chormoky next week in a Chernenkn next week lu a meeting that is widely interpreted as a further hint of a thaw in East-West relations.

Oceldental Petrolenm, the Los Angeles-hased oil group where Dr Hammer Is chairman. Is diplomatically coy about details of the visit. But It admits that Dr Hammer has mel with officials from hoth the state and agricultural departments earlier this werk and will report bark m his talks "as a private citi-zen" through the U.S. em-

hassy in Moscow. The Importance of Dr Hammer's links with Moscow has never been clearly identified in the U.S. But he has been used as an unafficial conduit in the past, most notably hy President John Kennedy, who sent him on a special assignment in a previous period of rapprochement in the early 1960s.

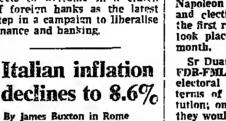
That visil broke a 30-year alisence. Dr Hammer, a medical graduate whose father was one of the founders of the American Communist Party, had established a strong relationship with Lenin in the carly years of the Soviet revolution, But he

had no time for Stalin. The years of detente, how erer, saw Dr Hammer regularly filling Into Mascow, where the Soviet Government gare him a lavish apartment in 1976. The day of a close relationship Brezhnev, see the red te meet Mr Arage for the red across Mr year at ropm

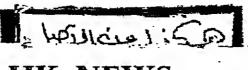
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ation's credibility at a time of worldwide protectionserious ism. At the heart of the controversy the issues of prvices. The U.S. delegation saw itself as a clear winner after years of American efforts to widen the Gatt rules, but Brazil's Ambassador Paulo Nogucira Batlista sald that developing countries had "not compromised

instead of 1986.



Worley Engineering and John 50m barrels. The new strike extends the Brown Engineers and Construc-tors are likely to hid for work on installing the platform. All have been involved in development of the Campos Basin. Petrohras is expected to an-



UK NEWS

Dublin summit 'must clear way for EEC enlargement'

BY QUENTIN PEEL IN BRUSSELS

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OVERSEAS NEWS

LEADERS OF the European Comunity have been warned that they must clear theway for agreement on the future membership of Spain and Por-tugal, at their summit meeting in Dublin next week, or face "profound political consequences" in those countries.

They also may be facing their last chance to reach agreement on the outstanding obstacles to the planned enlargement of the their own deadline for Spannish and Portuguese entry of January 1, 1986, top level officials in Brussels believe.

With at least three months required in translate the treaties of accession for Spain and Portugal into all the languages necessary for Parliamenlary approval in the 10-member states, such a delay could threaten the entire enlargement timetable, he warned. meeting.

. That in turn could jeopardise the promised increase in budget contributions by member states, which West Germany insists cannot take effect until the of the European Council, who hitherto.

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minute lalks with Sig Bettino "The psychological impact on Crasi, the Italian Prime the applicant states of an in-Minister.

ability to resolve now the The negotiations on enlargeremaining questions could be ment represented the major outserinus, and could have pro- standing issue facing the Comfound political consequences," munity since the last summit he said. His words were backed yester-day by M Gaston Thorn, presi-made so far had been "marred dent of the European Commis- by the inability of member sion, who stressed that failure stales to reach agreement to reach agreement on the out- amongst themselves" on a

standing dossiers could drasticwhole range of questions, which ally delay the whole enlargeinclude control of wine production; accommodation of the M Thorn said that if the prob-Spanish fishing flect; and agri-

lem arcas were not resolved amongst member states before culturat trade. Dr FitzGerald has now held January, they would get caught with hoth President taiks up in the annual process of fix-ing farm prices, and then almost inevitably be put back for reso-Francois Mitterrand and Sig Craxi in the past three days in an effort in find a way through lution to the March summit the current deadlock. The major outstanding issue

The warning came in a letter is the question of how to control to nine European beads of state current EEC wine production. and government from Dr Garret France insists that controls FitzGerald, the Iriah Prime must be agreed before enlarge-Minister and current president ment, but Italy has resisted

THE GOVERNMENT still faces a number of major decisions on aviation on the run-up to the privalisation of British Airwars. now expected bv February 14.

Those decisions will affect the pattern of civil aviation development to the end of this century. Some could also havo a far-reaching effect on BA's competilive position, and thus influence its future revenuesand its privatisation prospectus. The decisions include:

 Settling the controversy on how to implement the proposed timit of 275,000 aircraft movements a year at Heathrow from next Octoher.

• Choosing hetween a fifth passenger terminal at Heathrow and the expansion of Stansted as the third airport for London, either of which will add substantially to BA's costs.

 Settling the row with the U.S. over the relationship between the Bermuda Two air agreement and the U.S. antitrust laws, which may otherwise result in long-term uncertainty over transatlantiv air route nperations-again with serious implications for BA. operations elsewhere.

 Pushing ahead with the international negotiations on the proposed " dual designation "introducing competition from British Caledonian and other independent airlines on many of BA's international routes. thereby perhaps reducing its market share.

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BY IVOR OWEN

CHANGES IN the licensing period in the Falklands conflict

cruiser,

• Completing the diplomatic necotiatinns for the exchange nf BA's Saudi Arahian routes other, larger aircraft. for BCal's South American network, in enable a smooth exchange hy April 1 or sooner.

There are nutstanding issues. Heathrow to Gatwick or Stansuch as when and how to privalise the British Airports Authority, but this is likely to sted. Nobody yel knows which air-lines will be affected, or how have a less immediate impact many services with have to go, on BA's own operating situation than any of the other matters. hut a groundswell of opinion is building up in the airline industry that BA should hear

It is essential that the methods of applying the pro-posed limit of 275,000 aircraft movements a year at Heathrow



Michael Donne on how outstanding decisions could affect BA's price

Flight delays: bow many more passengers can Heathrow take?

should not be the only opera-tors penalised. from next October, when Terminal Four hecomes nperallonat there, he settled as soon as The Department of Transport possible, because BA, as the is expected soon to ask the BAA, as the owner and operator biggest single user of Heathof Heathrow, to draw up a row, may be among those airlines ubliged to transfer some scheme for implementing the limit. It is hoped this will be published early in the New annual movements running at 270,500,

Year. and traffic rising at an annual Whatever methods are emthose unfortunate rate of 7.8 per cent, it seems ployed, clear that the proposed limit enough to he required to move will be exceeded well before are hound to protest vigorously. Orlober, eren allowing for the This in turn gives rise to the planned cessation of the Gatequally controversial question wick-Heathrow helicopter link, of whether to develop a fifth which would release around passenger terminal at Heathrow, nr to expand Stansted to cope 7,000 movements a year for with the expected growth of air From this it follows that traffic into and out of London some airlines now will have to and the South-east over the rest

of this century. Revised statistics for passenger traffic growth show that, hy 1990, London area traffic, now running at 43m passengers a year, chuld be running between 54.5m and 66.5m. By 1995, the total will have risen to 64.9m-89.8m, and to between 74.1m and 118m by the end of the that the independent airlines century,

Yard in submarine logs inquiry

SCOTLAND YARD is to investigate the loss of the control room Prosecutions, who had asked the Mr Denzil Day

Current developments will permit a maximum of about 68m passengers a year by the of this decade - with end Reathrow capable of coping with 38m, Gatwick with 25m, Luton with about 31m, and Stansted with about 2m.

difference of view over the in With total London and Southterpretation of the Bermud: east traffic growing at an annual Two air agreement with the rate of 8.6 per cent, the BAA U.S., signed in 1977. planners believe there will be a major shortfall in airport flying the North Atlantic art capacity in the London area in the 1990s, requiring both new governed by the Bermuda Tw treaty, which as an inter national agreement takes pre terminal facilities and a more

intensive use of available runway capacity. The BAA believes this can best be provided at Stansted. where the runway capacity is bridge the impasse. under-used and where lhere is considerable scope for new lerminal developments.

term effect on BA's revenue BA disagrees, and wants to and profitability. The extern sec a fifth ferminal at Healhrow. coping with another 15m passlop of the "dual designation concept -- allowing other UI sengers a year, raising that airport's capacity to 53m passenalrlines to compete with it o gers a year. many of its overseas routes-Mr Graham Eyre, the inspecis likely to result in at leas

Mr Denzil Davies, Labour

shadow Defence Secretary, said

Mr Heseltine's resort to a

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him to evade immediate questioning by MPs was

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Britain 'trails in science'

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into this controversial issue, has just sent his report to the Government. It has taken him

The Government says it will

publish the report early in the

New Year, and permit parka-mentary debate prior in any

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decision in favour of Stansted, requiring a move to that auport

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costs that would exceed the costs of remaining at Heathrow

and building a fifth terminal

The airline thus has a strong

interest in the decision, which

will profoundly influence its future cosis, and possibly also its prifitability.

Settling the row with the U.S.

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At the heart of the dispute

which has already resulted in cheaper transatlantic air fares

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The UK argues that airlines

cedence over the anti-trust laws

The U.S. strongly disagree

with this view, and long dis

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The other issues outstanding

also seem likely to have a long

BA believes strongly that a

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BRITAIN was warned yesterda that it is falling seriously b hind the leading scientif

nations. "Science is becoming more sophisticated and more demand ing all the time." said Sir He mann Bondi, past chairman é lhe Natural Environment Re

search Council. "Many of our partner friends and competitors has realised this and, though

BY OUR BRUSSELS CORRESPONDENT EEC Budget Ministers have they will go far enough to presought to defuse their homing vent the spending plans being conflict with the Enropean Par- rejected as inadequate when liament over the next year's they meet next month. Community budget by tenta-Parliament had challenged that the 1985 draft budget put tively allowing an extra Ecu 1.3bn (£780m) to be spent

forward by the Ministers, total-ling some Ecu 25.9bn (£15.5bn), would only finance 10 months of next year's committed spending, and added in a further Ecu 3bn of both spending and

brackets" - a time-honoured revenue to cover the extra Feu 1.3bn needed for the CAP; Community device to mark disagreement and the need for Ecu 1.5bn for the rebales, and smaller amnunts for other items. The move is an attempt to Ministers have not The show that the 10 member states agreed yet on providing any extra revenue-that is blocked are committed to spending the money, even though they have yet to decide how they can finance it. by West Germany's refusal lo sanction an early increase in contributions, before the enlargement of the Community to

However, the Ministers have flatly rejected the other move take in Spain and Portugal in by the Parliament to the "epay-ment of the Britsh and West German budget rebates, total-ling some Ecu 1.5bh, to particu-1986. Instead, they have put the farm spending between square brackets, and left the budget lar spending schemes, rather rebates out, except to say they than allowing both governments promi simply to simplify the money stage. from the indicet contribupromise to finance them at some The

Budget Ministers agree to increase in farm spending

over the next five years. The plan, drawn up after a ycar-long study, concentrates the major contracts with ICL. Siemens, Amdahl and Bull for the computer centre at Luxem-hourg with Philips. Olivetti and

Thomson winning the bulk of the end-user equipment. The predominance of Europcan companies among the enn-tractors setected is likely to irritate IBM. the world com-puter leader, and may arouse

Commission officials were anxious to point out yesterday that nn anti-IBM hias was in-

volved in the choice.

patible equipment.

Kohl welcomes

'new beginning'

THE REAGAN Administration

yesterday began what it des-cribed as "a schedule of inteo-sive consultations" with its

Ministers approved

Europeans win bulk of EEC

By Ivo Dawnay in Brussels

THE EUROPEAN Commission vesterday revealed details of the new technology it has chosen in replace its existing computer and information retrieval systems in a programme

Door 'ajar to licensing considerable controversy. But law change' By Ivor Owen

Instead, it was emphasised that the purchasing policy had been based on a determination th buy from a diverse range of manufacturers using compatible products. The Commission added that some IBM equipment

other spending increases of

computer orders

valued at up to Ecu 50m (£30m)

The revisions to the Parlia- Ecu 189m compared with Parment's budget strategy were llament's bld for some Ecu acreed by the Ministers after 375m, to go on items such as meeting for some 16 hours in food aid, regional development, Brussels, buy MEPa-doubt that and social policies.

Nato and Warsaw Pact end security talks deadlock

BY DAVED BROWN IN STOCKHOLM

NATO and the Warsaw Pact stales have broken their deadtack over working procedures for the 35-nation European Security Conference in Stockofter 11 months and are ly in begin concrete discusis next week, delegates conirmed yesterday.

The move coincides with the improvement in the tone of U.S. Soviet relations. It is based on intense efforts by Fina member of the neutral and non-aligned states-in find common ground for discussion of measures to improve military accurity in Europe.

Delegates have scheduled only one plenary session for next on Monday afternoon. sion is expected in take a formal decision on the agreement and break into a joint orking group the same after-120000.

Both Nato and the Warsaw Part have been anxious to avoid a working arrangement which would prejudice the final outrored in the elaborate arrangeent of the discussions and the loosely-defined status of the proposals to be discussed.

The agreement creates two working groups. One will handle relatively non-controversial including observation topics, and notification of troop movements.

A second group will grapple with more difficult Issues. These include Soviet demands for mutual declarations on the nonuse nf force, a ban nn the firstuse of nuclear weapons and constraints on military spending, which Nato has vigorously ppposed. It will also consider limiting the size of military manouvres and ideas for creatpoint." ing nuclear free zones. The two groups will meet once a week. This may prove in be all

show," said one delegate referring to the Soviet acceptance of the worklog group framework. "But even show requires a political decision." and said Stockholm Forum. The officially known as the Conferpaticoce.

ence on Disarmament Europe or CDE (althe by Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the British Prime Minister, who will Europe or CDE (although disarmament is not on the meet Mr Reagan in Washington agenda) was the main product on December 22 and, in the New prejudice the final out agenta, and it review of the Year, hy Prime Minister Vasuhiro Nakasone of Japan Conference on European Security and Co-operation set np by the Helsinki Final Act in 1975. and Mr Wilfried Martens, the Belgian Premier.

Last summer, the Commission

and LBM were involved in a The results of a survey. head-on ctash when Community expected next summer, of the consequences of the legislation officials demanded that the compassed eight years ago anthorising flexible opening hours in Scotland would be a pany should, in future, supply details in advance of its new models to allow European companies time to develop combig factor in determining the

Government's attitude. Mr Mellor said: "The door to change is not bolted and barred, but it stands enticingly ајат."

laws to permit public houses in

England and Wales to have

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unlikely for at least another

year. Mr David Mellor, Home Office Under-Secretary, indi-

Such an important change had to be based on a firm foundation of evidence that it was unlikely to lead to a worsening of the problems associated with alcoholism and not just on "? wish and a prayer."

Tissot paintings

THE REVIVAL of interest in the paintings of James Joseph Tissol maiolains ils momentum. The Barinean is holding an exhibition of his work, and Unristic's posterday orbit two previously "lost" pictures by this French ertist, whose best work was painted in London in

postrail of his mistress, Mrs Kathleen Newlon, Anstralia. discovered In old in the Loniton dealer Owen Edger for £162,000, while a pointing of his carber Parisian days Le Printempls, discovered in Sweden, made 285.400.

British Council chief attacks spending cuts THE MAIN hudger of the British Council will be cut by 2-3 per cent in real terms as a result of the public spending inials recently announced by the Government for the year heginning April 1985, Sir John Burgh, the council's director ceneral, 10td a House of Commons lunch.

Sir John described the sums he Government was saving through such economies as] footting," and said the Government should have thought more about its priorities before imposing them. The constraints would force the council to consider closing further posts abrnad.

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DUNLOF SPORT will again spinsor the Classic Daris Tournament, the national men's individual championship open to darts players from pubs. clubs works and businesses throughout the UK.

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in the Commons yesterday by 1952 Mr Michael Heseltine, the

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allies in advance of the resump. tion of the U.S.-Soviet arms control dialogue in Geneva on January 7. Reginald Dale writes from Washington. fetch £248.400 The first of a series of Western leaders to visit the White House following President Ronald Reagan's re-clection carlier this month was Chancel-Inr Helmul Kohl of West Ger-

many, who said East-West relations had reached " a decisive The Geneva talks he tween Mr George Shuttz, the U.S. State Secretary, and Mr Andrei Gromyko the Soviet Foreign Minister, could mark 1be 1870s. An 1877

a new beginning in U.S. Soviet relations, he said. Herr Kohl warned, however, against " too high expectations " of the talks "one has to have Herr Kold is to be followed

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UK NEWS

BICC £19m reorganisation will cost up to 430 jobs

BY ANDREW FISHER

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to 430 people made redundant in an area with more than 20 per cent unemployment.

The job losses will mostly result from the closure by next April of the group's telephone cable factory at Prescot on Merseyside. Output will be concentrated at Blackley, north Manchester.

The move is prompted hy over-capacity in the metallic cable market and low world prices. But BICC will huild a iovolved in the transfer. factory in the Prescot area employing 200 people, producsupport ing optical fibre cable.

In the components aector. Runcorn. Its factory in Harlow, where prices have also slumped Essex, will be closed by the

BICC, the electrical group, is in the face of stiff competition, end of the year, as announcad, to spend £19m on reorganising BfCC will move the activities Thirty jobs will be transferred its businesses in the North-west. at Prescot, Lea Green (St north. Two plants will be built and up Helens] and Ruocorn, on Thrae-quarters of the bud-

at Prescot, Lea Green (St Helens) and Ruocorn, on Merseyside, into a new build-ing at Prescot, About £4m will Thrae-quarters of the bud-geted £19m will go on invesi-ment. The rest will help to find be spent on equipment. The Lea Green site, to be vacated by March 1986, will taka over activities of BfCC jobs and provide advice and assistance for those made redundant

The high unemployment rate n the area has left unions Vero Connectors, which makes electrical connectors for the telecommunications, data sysin doubtful that many jobs can tems and electronics industries. These are located at Parr he found. A masa meeting will he held tomorrow by the transport workers' union, more than 300 of whose members stand to (St Helens) and Skelmersdale. About 30 redundancies will he lose their jobs.

Finally, the group's Vantruck business, which makes cable The unions intend to propose a plan of action to try to save the jobs. However, a aimilar materials and accessories, will be consolidated in protest over BfCC redundancies in February in the area was un-

STC to cut Belfast workforce by 230

BY OUR BELFAST CORRESPONDENT

STANDARD TELEPHONES and Cahles, the telecommunications group, is to axe 230 jobs next year at its Belfast factory, which employs 1.640.

The cut largely affects employees involved in the manu-facture of TXE4A telephone main exchanges for British Telecom. Production is heing reduced in line with a phasingout of this semi-automatic ex-change, by 1988. The move fol-lows a cui of 375 jobs at Belfasi

Steel calls for

be abandoned

By Margaret van Hattem

Mrs Thatcher's neck."

Britain's defence needs.

Trident to

TELEPHONES Industry Minister. to seek a following a review of the likely meeting with STC about its long- workload for next year. term plans for the plant.

He said yesterday that the Government would try to persuade the company lo introduce more products and keep slaffing at the highest level. The cut was regreitable, but must he accepted for husiness reasons. STC had to keep the operation competitive or there could he a danger to the plant.

ditions needed for merchant shipbuilding to be viable re-STC's problems lie mainly

with the new generation of fully-automatic telephone exchanges. ft had offered ITT's System 12 exchange to BT, but it has not been shortlisted and STC will not make it in Belfast. Future orders from BT to update the TXE4A exchange may not live up to forecasts. STC said the reduced volume

this year. The company said it had of telephone switching equip-It bas prompled Dr Rhodes notified the unions of its plans ment was a big reason for the Boyson, the Northern Ireland for a reduction during 1985 cut.

mained some way off. However, the company had re corded successes in winning orders, including work from the Ministry of Defence and a con-iraci from BP in produce a novel vessel to exploit marginal North Sea oil fields.

search for other economies to improve competitiveness would

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By Our Belfast Correspondent

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The Royal Exchange, a City of London landmark standing heside the Bank of Eugland, is to nndergo a £20m facclift. Guardian Royal Exchange, the insurance group asso-ciated with the buildings on the site for 260 years, is about to submit proposals to the City of London Corporation.

The plans will take about three years to complete once planning permission is They Involve extensive refurhisbgtven. ment of the building, a listed monument winch has become an internationally recognised symbol of the City.

Guardian Royal Exchange consulted the **Royal Finc Arts Commission**, the Directorate of Ancient Monuments, the Greater Lundon Council, the City Heritage Society and the Victorian Society. The Secretary of Slate fur the Environment will make the final

Threat to satellite broadcasting project BY RAYMOND SNODDY

The business plan-a doci-

by satellite project will be un- life of the project, even before economic unless the cost of the programmes are included.

proposed three-satellite system This is a main conclusion of the DBS business plan delivered yesterday to 21 companies and

organisations trying to put together a joint project. United Satellites, the consorlium of British Aerospace, British Telecom and GEC-Marconi has quoted £80m a year for a system using three satellites - two in space and one on the ground. This would is the tentative conclusion. add up to well over \$5500m for The business plan-a do

BRITAIN'S direct broadcasting the satellites alone during the ment on large that it had to he delivered to consorlium mcmbers in hoxes-docs not cume to simple unequivocal conclusions either for or against the

The huilding's courtyard is occupied by

the London International Financial Futures

Exchange, which will not be affected by the proposals. The rest of the Carinthian-style

huilding is Guardian Royal Exchange's bead-

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The first Royal Exchange was huflt in 1569 and desiroyed in the Great Fire. Its

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The facale is to be restored. The harrel-

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The business plan sets out a serles of options, and it will take Britain's broadcasters project if the satellile cost is reduced. Heavy marketing could produce a viable husiness Britain's most of the weekend to come to terms with the complexity of

Legal and **General puts** up 'top risk' home rates

By Eric Short

ANOTHER UK Insurance com pany Legal and General, ts raising its premium rates in house contents insurance in " high-risk " areas. From today property owners in London and other inner city areas will have to pay more, while a few householders in certain areas will have lower rates. Many other householders, mostly in rural areas, will find their rates unchanged.

Legal and General is an Important house huildings insurer, but its contents portfolio, covering some 300,000 bouses, is fairly small in comparison with giants like the Prudential. Nevertheless, in comon with oll other insurance companies in the UK, it bas suffered from the rising crime rate, particularly in London and other hig uties.

Like many other companies, Legal and Generaf has reviewed claims experience through an analysis hy postcode districts and has produced the most comprehensive rating structure of any insurance company.

Its latest system has 10 rating areas, compared with the Pru's eight, and five or six for most other companies. Rates range from £3 per £1,000 cover for the lowest risk areas to £11 per £1,000 in the high-risk

London and inner city areas, Legal and General's lop rate is far lower than that charged hy other insurance companies, which have recently increased their contents premiums. Commercial Union charges £14 per £1,000 cover and Norwich Union £12, while the Pru is lifting ittop rate to £15 in the new year. Legal and General on the other hand, is not following the lead given by the Pru in exclusiing the first £200 of a claim arising in ils lop-raled areas. ford. Liverpool, Leeds, Manchester and surprisingly Watford, clients will have to comply with prescribed security standards, before being eccepted. They may pay higher rates assessed individually, if they have a poor claims record or the house is unoccupied for

long periods.

Sizewell inquiry told of 'betrayal' feeling in U.S.

By A Special Correspondent PUBLIC DISTRUST of nuclear power and those who promote it has become a permanent in the result of the Three Mile Island accident. Mr Stephen Reed. Ihe Mayor of Harrisburg, has told the Sizewell B inquiry. human error and deception had bccn revealed. Throughout many parts of the U.S. there was a deeprooted sense of betrayal and resentment about the nuclear



MR DAVID STEEL, the Liheral pany is seeking to form a con-sortium of UK comparies lo leader, last night called on the Government to abandon the Tritake part in a project to make dent missile programme, which be called "the albatross around microcomputers and electronic components in China.

Mr Mark Potts, managing director of London-based Rair, said yeslerday he had signed a Speaking at a meeting of the Borders Nuclear Freeze Council in Galashiels, he said Trident deal with authorities in Guangwas too expensive, it crowded out other essential defence spending and it would not serve dong Province. South China, to sel up a joint-venture electronics manufacturing company in Guangzhau (Canton).

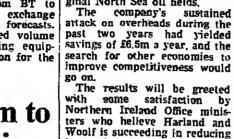
Ferranti, a leading UK elec-

make computers in China THE FOUNDER of a small Brl- project. Ferranti, however, has

not decided whether to proceed. Mr Potts said be was talking

to several other industrial com-panies, which he did nol name, and was seeking to raise funding from prospective investors in Britain and Hong Koog, He had received no firm commit-ments hut hoped to reach agreements hefore the end of the year.

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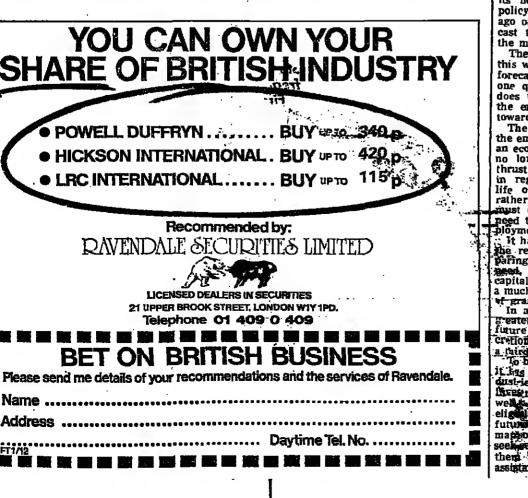


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By Hazel Duffy THE Government's promised

published yesterday.

The likelihood now is that future talks will concentrale on a two satellile system with less hackup capacity. The husiness plan was produced by the project co-ordi-nator. Mr Andrew Quinn, nator. Mr Andrew Quinn, general manager of Granada Television. It gives a cautiously

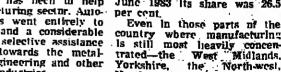


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duces paper. Betwen 1960 and 1970, according to studies carried oul at Cambridge, regional policy was responsible for the creation of reduced money available in the gengraphically reduced assisted areas will not bring back those halcyon days.

Mr Reed was a witness for local parish councils who are opposing plans for a presurised waler reactor power station the same type as that involved in the Three Mile Island accident

Lord Silsoe, leading councel opposing plans for a pressurised Generating Board, suggested that UK safety watchdnes had more independence and that risk studies presented to the inquiry had concluded that the chance of a hig accident was elmost negligible



Only a little nvor a third of the West Midlands workforce ia in manufacturing compared with more than half in 1965. Half is in acreice industries. The area that, according to Joseph Chamberlain a century aco, produced everything from a pin in a part for a battleship, now proareal Times Saturday December 1 1984

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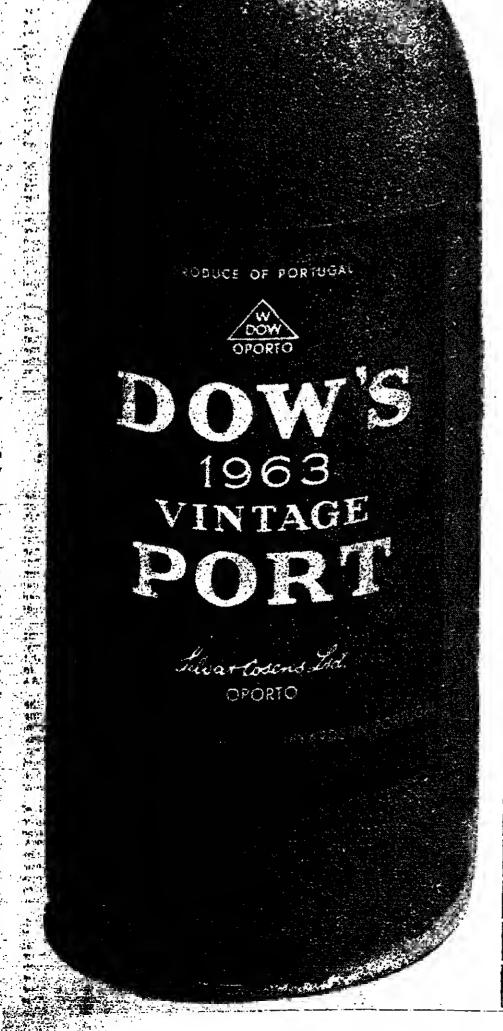
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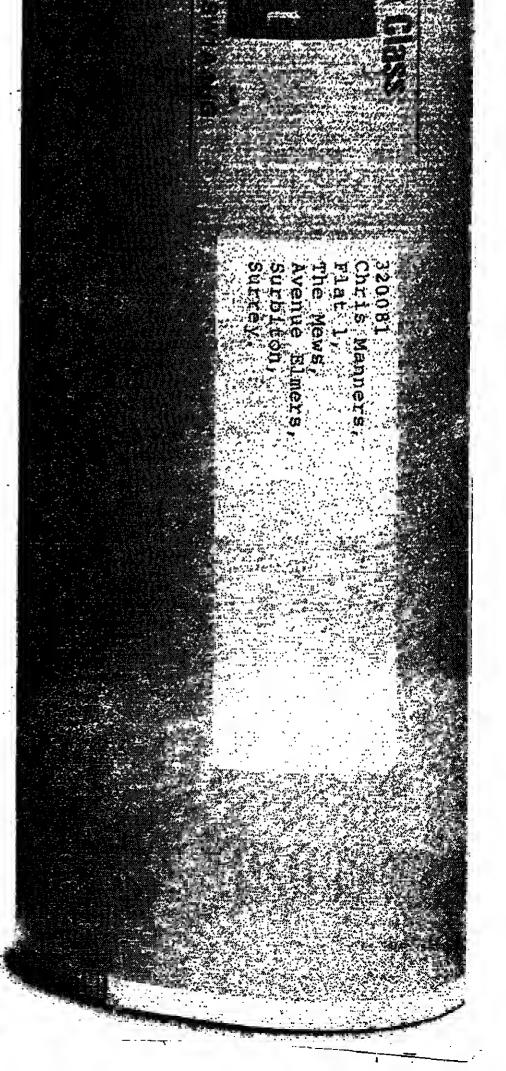
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Drift back to work slows to a trickle

BY JOHN LLOYD, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE DRIFT back to work in the pits strike has all but slowed to the moderate trickle before the National Coal Board held out the promise of a more-than-£600 week's pay packet before Christmas.

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It seems clear that before the return resumes a credible rale there must be either financial incentives or a general recog-

offer the financial package before the New Year's bolidays. It has shown the largest return to work over the week and seen its proportion of miners at work rise from 17 per cent to 22 per cent. Many of these returns were at Bilston Glen, the area's biggest pil.

At the other end of the scale the small Kent coalfield has actually shown a drop in the numbers working, though the figures are tiny. In South Wales, too, the numbers rise

leader level. They are likely that New Year may stimulate to be the last to break.

Area	"New faces"	Total at Work	Total miners*	Per cent	Per cent on Nov 23
Scotland	38	2,223	10.000	22	17
North east	33	3,055	29.300	15	13
Yorkshire	14	2,7621	53,000	5.2	4.7
Western	8	11,078	14,000	79	78
S. Wales Midlands	1	117	19,600	0.6	0.6
N. Derby	35	4,403	10.500	42	41
Kent	0	111	2,200	S	5.2

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The Mancbester Ship Canal

company would not comment on

the claims or disclose details

Meanwhile, a meeting be-

tween leaders of the National

Union of Seamen and the Trans-

port and General Workers'

day lo discuss the crewing of

Manchester Canal re-opens

THE Manchester Ship Canal has them to let the tanker through reopened to traffic after being the gates because of rough shut for 48 hours by a strike weather, and then assisted with shut for 48 hours by a strike sparked by the miners' dispute.

Lock gatekeepers at the main entrance to the canal at Eastnam walked out, leaving the of any settlement of the twozates locked, after claiming that day strike. a tanker carrying oil for power stations had passed througb and lischarged its cargo.

The keepers bave been obterving the TUC's blockade of Union has been set for Wednesuel movements in support of he miners. They maintained two ships alleged to be breachhat the management persuaded ing the fuel embargo.

Elsewhere the picture varies. The North East continues to see a significant number of new faces. It points to a rise of about 3,000 over the past three weeks, from a handful at the start of the month.

Yorkshine is in much the same position. North Derby-shire has nearly half its workforce back. It is now, however, nition of the strike's hopeless encountering a solid core of activists. The same is true in Only Scotland continues to the Western area, though the proportion of those at work is

higher. In all these areas Coal Board officials report an upsurge in violence and intimidation, now often directed at homes of working miners and at their families.

These tactics are said to be having effect. Board officials also believe the rate is slowing because of the prospects of talks held out by the TUC. Wales, too, the numbers by one or two returns a day. clusions are that they wra Both areas are traditionally lucky to see more than 5,000 new faces before Christmas but New Year may stimulate

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Striking

miners

"BAA, BAA, black sheep have economic dislocation to local legs, the Government wouldn't brazler, are quict and just six you ony wool?" retailers. be able to mine coal. in number. "Yes sir, yes sir, Three bags "We are in danger of heing "That needs surges of initia-There are a lot of people on full." Some of them chanting THE KILLING of South Wales taxi driver Mr David Wilkie nursery rhymes, the children returning home from Victoria yestenday led to outspoken condemnation of his attackers School in the South Yorkshire village of Edlington look very much like any other group of from across the political apectrum and from the ranks youngsters. striking miners.

Clutching their colouring Mr Kim Howells, South Wales National Union of books, they leave the drawings of glow-worms and snails on Mineworkers' research officer, the walls of their classrooms aa speaking for the union, said: "We are very shocked and teachers clear up after the day's lessons. dismayed. We were very afraid that something like this might

At Hilltop Middle School, small boys chase a football round a field, the sleeves of happen." Mr Ted Rowlands, Labour MP for Menthyr Tydfil and a their red sports shirts pulled their haods, protection shadow energy spokesmao, said: "It was a mindless and against the cool wind.

wicked act." The Archbishop of Cardiff, the Most Rev John Ward, said the incident "shames us here in Wales." Edlington though. like so many villages on the Yorkshire coal field, is no ordinary village and has not been for a long Mr Wilkie, aged 35, was the father of two young children time. Many of these children's fathers bave been on strike for by his estranged common-law wife. His girlfriend, who lived nine months, very few have joined the drift back to work with him in the village of Treforest, near Pontyprid, was expecting their first baby. He worked for City Centre Cars of Cardiff, a taxi company which had had a contract with and the village has been the scene of two recent attacks on working miners and their property

At Yorkshire Main colliery In ven years and which had National Coal Board for The dispute, as it absorbs Edlington and many other vil-lages in the Doncaster area of ong its drivers to take workminers to their pits. he company said last night the NCB's biggest coalfield, has tremendous. Even if we lost. drivers were determined lo been caught in a kind of freeze- and I don't think we will, and ry on getting miners to and

in pickeled collieries in ite of the tragedy. The South Walea chief con-ble, Mr David East, said ice would ensure passage to rk for any miner wishing to port for duty. Describing the ling of Mr Wilkie, he said: his is not industrial action. This is not picketing. This is murder.

Mr Dafydd Elis Thomaa, president of Plaid Cymru, said: "I wrote yesterday to Mr Ian MacGregor because of concern at social conflicts in our valley communities and I am horrified that such a tragic incident could have occurred."

Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, called for a "gut reaction" return-to-work by cast. striking miners in protest at the killing. He was speaking after spending 90 minutes underground with working miners at Thoresby Colliery, Nottinghamshire.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow Home Secretary, said: "I am horrified, appalled and

THE NATIONAL Coal Board of pits on holiday and the Scotland. North Derbyshire and The NUM argues that few is supplying customers - prim- amount of maintenance work North Derbyshire 21,000 and the pits are working anything like ia supplying customers - prim- amount of maintenance work arily the Central Electricity being done.

But the amount of fresh coal being cut has picked up only slowly in the past six weeks and is still zero or little more throughout Yorkshire. the North-east and South Wales.

According to the NCB, the total level of deep-mined coal at the end of last week stood at 586,000 tonnes; it may now have touched 600,000. Back on September 1ā it stood at 526,000 The increase bas come mostly from the new working pits in Scotland, Nort hDerbyshire and

Lancashire. On the week ending November 17-the latest for which on the time of year, number analysed figures are available-- ing slowly.

Western area (including Lancashire) 103,000.

That compares with early May figures of, respectively, zero: 6,000; and 60,000. At that time the national deep-mined pro-duction stood at \$24,000 wblch was only a shade above what It has been from the very slart of the strike, duc to near nor-mal production (outside the overtime ban) from north and south Nottioghamshire.

Newly-produced coal dropped July and August because of holidays. It has since been climb-

normally because of the continuing absence of "key" workers even in pits where they acknowledge large numbers are working.

The NCB said yesterday that limited production can usually begin when between 40 and 70 men return. The board accepts that without any winding engineers or coal-cutting machine drivers production is impossible-but says it has been rare to face that problem.

The NCB also says that many back from about 450,000 tonnes men who, before the strike in early June to weekly figures were working on development as low as 100,000 tonnes during seams rather than production faces, usually have the right

The locat Austin Rover dealer, proudly presenting a 1985 two-litre MG, stays open for bnsiness.

the streets — hut talk in the shops is subducd. Many miners. Many striking miners have been doing building work in the black economy, but deprivation who perhaps want to return to work are just sitting at home is, obviously, very real.

"A lot of people are heating a path to my door," says the Fev Nicholas Jowett, the vicar of Brampton, "A lot of people have Ferondly, and in stark con-trast, the mass disturbances in October and earlier this month and the small number of indilost sight of life getting better." vidual attacks on miners have

Much of the strike's emotional given a sharper edge to raw energy bas centred in Yorkshire emotions. The frustrations are because this is where the dis-pute started over Cortonwood, ing and working miners. The local branch president, Mr David Windle, aays bluntly of and also because of the nearness of the working Midlands coal-fietds, the local influence of Mr one workine miner struck this week by a brick. That man has Arthur Scargill and the politici-sation over the paat 15 years of union branch officials.

Much of it has been further concentrated in the Doneaster area, which has a far more militant recent past than the three other areas of North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire and Barnsley,

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Mr Windle says mass picketthreats of violence to his ing should continue and the strike co-ordinating committee still meets every day al the NUM'a Yorkshire area office in Barosley to pass on the latest sets of picketing plans to the The police station at Askern union panels in each of the four areas

But uncertainty, fatalism and depression are in abundance. "The spirit of our miners has heen tremendous," says Mr Tay lor. "But there's not one person who would not feel relief if the dispute was over."

The

BY DAVID GOODHART, LABOUR STAFF

Generating Board-at the rate of about 950,000 tonnes of coal a week, an increase from 740,000 tonnes in early September. In normal times the figure would be about 2.5m tonnes with 2.2m deep-mined and 290,000 open-

In spite of the recent return to work and the NCB figures of 46 pits working "normally" and 18 turning some coal, the iocrease in coal supplies has come largely through more stockpiled coal being moved.

Production figures are difficull to compare because levels angered by the brutal killing fluctuate significantly depending of this innocent man." on the time of year, number

the area that has provided the manpower to spearhead most of A new date - January - has the mass picketing. been mentally scribbed into The possibility of a full people's calendars unless the bloodied miners' victory might dispute is resolved before then. have virtually vanished, but the The return to work is tailcontinuing consequences of the ing off and they are getting a dispute for Yorkshire are only fillip from the preparations for Christmas," says one local coal

a forgotien strike." one picket tive, and unless you've got says, aware that the prospects miners on your side you can't of power cuts has all but dis- get that. It would never be

100 reat. Out of 53.000 NUM members. board official. "But in the New Year they will be staring at something different and will more than 50,000 are still on strike. Nine coal faces have beeo losi, equipment abandooed have to ask themsetves how partly abandoned at six long are they going to conothers and eight more are in a tinue serious condition.

appeared but speaking from

Policing the dispute in South Yorkshire has cost £32m. Half the domestic ratepayers iп Barnsley are eligible for housing rebates. The carefully nurtured community policing of the 1970s has been brutally elhowed aside by the mass dis turbances in Goldthorpe and Grimethorpe. Askern, Arm-

thorpe and Edlington itself. Few miners speak of power cuts. Some talk about defeat. the village, fewer than two though often in an oblique way. dozen bave gone back to work. Even Mr Jack Taylor, the union's Yorkshire area presidcol, broaches the subject.

"The miners have been

got money to spend because he Christmas is certainly in the raited on his own kind. That lad has got that life to suffer for ever." and I mean for ever. air. Collections have beeo running since September. At the Goldthorpe Arms, opposite Goldthorpe pit, notices of a At the other end of the spectrum Mr Derek Lill, a working jumble sale in aid of a Cbrisiminer at Kellingley in the North mas party for the children of strikiog miners are pinned on oolice in his own home because Yorkshire area, has to have

Nick Garnett assesses the mood in the strikebound mining village of Edlington

Spirit of resignation in S. Yorkshire

recouped if the powers ground

them into the floor."

the wall. "Toys are needed for our family. miners' children. Please hring Finally much of the life in them to the Methodist chapel." the community continuea as best the community continuea as best il can with displaya of remark-

one poster says. Scott's corner jewellery shop and Brown's able cconomic resilience. bakery are festooned with foil

is boarded up for protection and the Red Lion pub continues to run its pool handicap. people of Armthorpe chew over the mini-insurrection which

decorations and tinsel.

Three conflicting features seem to be jostling for position in these villages. One is a kind

of torpor which hangs over the mining coormunities. The afflicted their village but the frame, along with the suffering, they were sent hack to work pickets at Yorkshire Main, chop. Mr Soffee ice-cream vans bitterness, intimidation and the with their tails between their ping up beech braoches for the cruise the housing estates. pickets at Yorkshire Main, chop- Mr Soffee lce-cream vans still

NCB supplying 950,000 tonnes of coal a week

watching television.

expressed openly by non-work-

Even though production in many pils does remain very low it is of symbolic importance to the NCB that they can persuade men that if they return they will actually be doing useful work.

The overtime ban-which before the strike was responsible for knocking nearly 500,000 tonnes a week of the 2m tonnes plus total-is still having a significant effect. The combined output in Nolts, for example, was 435,426 tonnes in October 1983 before the overtime ban and now stands at

353.763. tonnes. The major increase in the movement of both stockpiled and open cast coal is now training to be moved over to coming mainly in the Western face-work. area and the Midlands.

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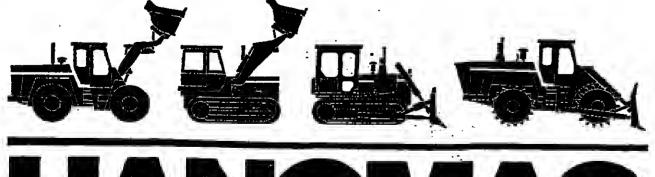
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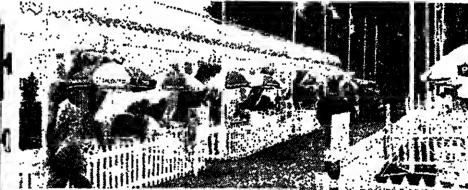
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Tass escapes fine for contempt

BY RAYMOND HUGHES, LAW COURTS CORRESPONDENT

Rich Court for disobeying an order to call off the strike by ils members at Austin Rover.

- Mr Justice Hodgson said yes-terday that, inspite of the arguments put-forward by Tass, the technical, administrative and supervisory section of the AUEW, he had come to the although Austin Rover had conclusion that the union was in contempt of court.

However, he did not think the court need mark the con-tempt by imposing any penalty. "I do not think the contempt was a serious one. Had the union taken legal advice earlier, it might have fallen into lice with other unions and taken sufficiently vigorous steps to

distance itself from this suri of industrial action, so as not to be in contempt," he said. Earlier this wek the judge

TASS, the white-collar section Workers' Union £200,000 for its withdraw or cancel. of the engineering union, has contempt in disobeying orders escaped being penalised by the made on November 6 against six unions with members at Austin Rover's 14 plants. Unlike the TGWU. Tass and

lawyers and defended the case in court. The TGWU was the nuly nue to be penalised. Justice Hodgson said

agreed that the injunction Tass should be disagainst charged, the order had been in force against the uninn between

November 6 and 26. It was clear in law that the discharge of the order, on whatever ground, could not retro-spectively free Tass from its duty to obey it while it was operative.

Tass argued that the order had been insufficiently specific about what "instructions, directions or decisions" relating to fined the Transport and General the strike the union had to

It contended that the Austin Rover strike had been called not by Tass itself, but by the union side of the joint negotiating committee at Austin Rover the other unions instructed and that there was, therefore, nothing for Tass to withdraw.

That argument was not relevant. the judge said, though, if it had been put fnrward origin-

ally, the injunction might not have been made. Nor did the judge accept Tass's criticism of the terms of the order. What it required Tass in do was both discernible

and obvious, he said. Mr Ken Gill, Tass's general secretary had, the judge thought, taken the view that the order ought never in have been made against Tass and therefore

need not he obeyed. This could not excuse it from complying with the order. the judge said. Tass was in contempt.

However.

escalation.

By Andrew Fisher, Shipping Correspondent FURTHER TALKS will be held next Tuesday between manage-ment and unings at the port of Southampton in ao attempt to end the dispute which has kept container terminals idle for six weeks.

Talks to

re-open in

docks row

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The port also hopes to hear from the National Dock Labour Board whether its proposals to ask for another 180 voluntary severances from local dockers have been approved.

About 160 have already opted to go, aloog with more than 300 from the non-docker wurkforce, iWth the container facilities idle, there has been work for only about a third

of the remaining 920 dockers. The dispute began when talks over new shift and manning arrangements failed Social security strikers vote to stay out manning arrangement by the October 20 deadline set by the port, which wants to make savings of up to £9m and reduce charges to shipowners.

Since then, in the absence of a new shift agreement, men have simply been clocking on

for a standard 8 am to 4 pm day. CPSA leaderswith most going home with a many of whom believe the weekly wage of f123, half the usual earnings through overtime and shift premiums.

The unions have offered cost savings which they put at £5m. but the management claims is much less. This week, the unions withdrew their cost proposals in what the management saw as an attempt to bave talks restarted.

The unions have also given four week's notice (to December 7) of their intention to stop applying the Blue Book, which regulates working practices throughout the port. During the stoppage, contaiger ships have called at other ports. The rest of the port has been working normally.

• A mass meeting of 3.500 shipyard workers at Yarrow's, the warship-building yard on knitwear wurkers have won a 5 per cent the Clyde, voted by a 3-1 pay rise and a reduction in the majority yesterday to end a

working week from 40 to 39 week-long strike. hours after lengthy oegotiations The men rejected a recom mendation by shop stewards that the strike should continue. hetween the Knitting Industries Federation and the National Hourly-paid workers at the Scotstoun shipyard in Glasgow began the dispute last Friday Union of Hosiery and Knitwear Mr David Lamhert, the general president of the union. ; over a reduction in washing-up said: "We consider this to be a times. An electrician was dis missed for refusing to accept realistic settlement. We welcome the establishment of a the oew arrangements. Sbop stewards said joint committee to examine the introduction of a minimum were disappointed the at decision to return.

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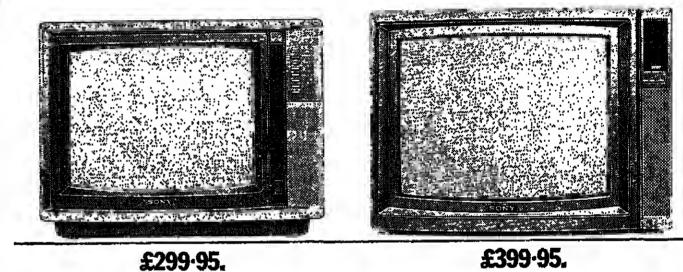
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STRIKERS at the social security Previous proposals to escaconsiderably to the disruption late the dispute-by calling a the dispute is causing to the

computer centres at Newcastle upon Tyne and nearby Washington have voted to continue their 29-week-old action over changes in shift payments. The Department of Health

BY DAVID BRINDLE, LABOUR STAFF

and Social Security says 330 members of the Civil and Pubhc Services Association remain on strike. About 50 members of two nther unions accepted a peace formula and returned to work this week.

The strikers want the CPSA's national executive, which meets next week, to plan support action by other union members. But the prospects of this bap-pening seem slim.

Giro staff plan action

BY DAVID GOODHART, LABOUR STAFF

THE 1,000 members of the Post but action by the POEU mem-Office Engineering Union em- bers could still seriously dis-ployed at National Girobank are runt the hank's operations. due to start industrial action Tuesday. Intensive 'next negotiations, however, are expected in continue over the next. few days on the disputed annual pay and conditions claim.

The union is continuing to several regrading reject measures Girobank wants to im-plement in exchange for a 5.25 5 pm to 5.30 pm. per cent rise.

The 5,000 members of the try to extend periods of core Civil and Public Services Asso- working times in the mornings cistion recently accepted a 5.25 and afternoons, and may seek per cent offer without conditions an agreement on Saturday work-

ment

payment of pensions and child strike at computer centres at Reading and Livingston, and by benefit. calling selective strikes in benefit nffices—bave foundered. either through lack of support or because of deadlock on the the executive.

Mrs Doreen Purvis, secretary the Newcastle central CPSA branch, said the executive would be urged "fairly forcibly" to revive the plan for strikes at

rupt the hank's operations.

· British Telecom moves to

change the terms of a flexi-time

working agreement with cleri-

cal workers caused industrial

action in the week at several

offices. BT wants to extend the

early evening period when cus-

The management is likely to

Reading and Livingston. Workers at these two centres, which control unemployment benefit payments, have previ-

strikers should have accepted peace formula-remain pessimistic about the chances of As if to highlight the isola-tion of the strikers, other CPSA members at Washington this week effectively disowned the

dispute, It is believed the 1.000strong meeting voted over-whelmingly against walking out in support of the strikers and ously voted to take action. If also rejected a motion express-they did strike, they would add ing support for them.

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. To receive the Chairman's statement and the Report of the Board of Supervisors.

- 2. To receive the Report of Religious Board.
- 3. To receive the consolidated audited Financial Statements of Dar Alto receive the consolidation distribution and vote an Maal Al-Islami Trust for the financial year ended June 30th, 1984 and his behalf, but a bearer ar an owner appointing a proxy must hand to the proxy temporarily the Report of the Auditors thereon.

To elect the Auditors for the next fiscal year.

- To re-elect the outgoing members of the Board of Supervisors or to
- 5. elect any replacement members.

6. Any other business.

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was focused upon the current take-over hattles-there is apparent deadlock between the three bidders in the fray for the London off-licence chain Cullens and East Lancashire Paper

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Corporation Tax, brought a cut Gold shares tumbled aa gold in earnings per share from 11.13p tn 11.06p. reached its lowest level since mid-1982, and oils drifted down The trading performance is a again in the belief that pro-ducers either cannot or will not

story of two contrasting halves, with consumer products making maintain prices. Gilts had a dreary week, all the running while pharmadragged down by the fall in ceuticals virtually stood still. However, there were enough sterling. Indeed among the most encouraging signs in the figures, performers were

Chinese honds, like the 1898 44 per cent, which perked np on pointing towards full-year profits of £315m, to justify a multiple of almost 15, assuming reports that the Communist government would honour old a 44 per cent tax charge. In consumer products, the brightest news is that the com-

parties Beecham has recently Beecham sparkles acquired to build up its bome Beecham Group this week gave shareholders a welcome provement business around UHU gine are meeting expectonic with interim results which tations. were rather better than had

More generally, vigorous marbeen anticipated. keting has generated growth in the U.K., the U.S. and Conti-But it is a measure of how httle investors were expecting that a 12 per cent increase in nental Europe, particularly in the recognised cosmetics compre-tax profits to £142.8m for panies. the period to the end of Septem-Beecham'a difficulties lie in ber should have raised the share

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revitalising its pharmaceuticals is battling to fight off the atten- price as much as it did- business in the face of tough tions of British Syphon, with especially as the advance is conditions in at least three

GM Firth lurking in the back- magnified by the full benefit of countries: the UK and Japan, last year's £200m rights issue. Moreover, a higher tax charge. where governments have im-posed drug price cuts, and boosted by unrelieved Advance Nigeria.

Much depends on the success in the U.S. of the new antibiotic Augmentin, which seems to bave had an auspicious

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launch in September, and of the new arthritis drug Relifen, which is awaiting clearance in the UK Equally important will be

the success of the new chair-man, Mr Ronald Halstead, in bringing to pharmaceuticals the marketing skills he applied so well in his previous post in consumer products.

Courtaulds copes

Courtaulds was bound to feel the effect of the cyclical down-turn in fibres which was first detected earlier this year. But what is remarkable about

the group's figures for the six months to the end of September is the degree to which the dam-age has been mitigated. Group pre tax profits were up

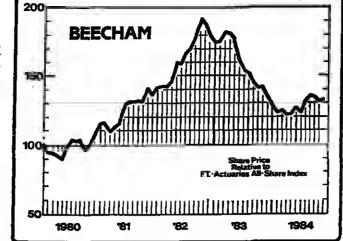
£6.6m to £54.3m, on sales ahead from £973.4m to £1.04bn, roughly in line with City expectations

Operating profits in the fibres division fell by 10 per cent from £30.8m to £27.6m, but this decline pales in comparison with violent plunges in profitability experienced before the restructuring of the past few years

The painfully restructured division is now being tested in adveres conditions. But all the signs are that this cyclical downturn will not be as severe as the last and could well have reached its bottom before next summer. Profits were ahead in all other parts of the group except BCL, which makes plastic film, where Courtaulds is investing beavily in new plant. The fabrics companies performed particlularly strongly, buoyed by demand from the major customer Marks and Spencer. For the full year, City forecasts have been reduced to about £125m pre-tax, which, on per cent tax cbarge, puts the shares on a multiple of

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owner of the Mercury Com-Hotels, since Mr Harry Goodmunications network due to man's Inlasun Leisure acquired come into operation next year. a near 15 per cent stake more Cahle boldy put out its Interim results for the six than a month ago.

months to the end of September for long—and this week Intasun announced a £44m cash and just before the deadline for BT applications. And while the numbers may be smaller than shares bid for Comfort. Telecom's they are in other reshad expansion plans of bia own pects no way inferior.

Pre-tax profits were up 25 per cent to £109m. on the back of a 20 per cent jump in turnover to £366m which owed almost nothing to tariff increases and everything to extra traffic.

The group's established businesses in the Far East and the Pacific, strengthened by the acquisition of the Hong Kong Telephone Company, and in Africa and the Middle East continue to generate the cash which

Cable hopes to invest elaewhere. build up new leisure interests In the Far East, China and away from its package holiday ossibly Japan are the markets business and argues that its ex-Cable has set its sights on; in perience in filling hotels abroad will serve it well in actually the Western bemisphere it is running them in the UK. the U.S. and the UK.

But the management skills needed to run botels are not In these areas, Cable is bound to face more competition than in its established territories. easily acquired. Comfort Itself owes mch to the abilities of Mr There are clearly risks in Edwards, who would presumattempting to take on the ably check out if the unwelcome monopoly organisations bid succeeded. wbether state-owned or not.

For the year, Cable could rently putting a very high price on UK hotel chains. Intasun's make £235m pre-tax, which, on a 30 per cent tax charge, would leave the shares on a multiple of 13-a couple of points at least better than British Telecom.

it did not have to be increased. Comfort's nwn bid of 98 shares for every 54 Prince of Wales also looks expensive, but Holidays at home Mr Edwards has hardly proved an extravagant buyer in the past.

Less dash at Habitat

Moreover, the market is cur-

Habitat-Mothercare's premium rating among retailers demands premium performance and this week's interim results for the ball year to September fell just. short of that category.

short of that category. Admittedly, pre-tax profits at £12.6m were ahead of 20 per cent, or even 26 per cent after interests of tax simplification. taking out property profits. But saies at £197m were ahead only 12 per cent-and ef this, 2 per cent came from currency factors and 4 per cent from new stores, leaving just 6 per cent from existing stores. The group blames this partly vestment on the warm late summer which delayed the sales of autumn and winter clothing and on the dis-ruption caused by the refurbishment of Heal's furniture stores. The market bowever is putting a slightly lower value on quality than before. Assump-ing full year pre-tax profits of ing, Investors' scepticism about £35m (against £30.6m) and a the Treasury plan, however, was 36 per cent tax charge the amply demonstrated by their lukewarm attitude to high techshares change hands on a nology stocks this week. Indeed, multiple of more than 20. Still shares in IBM were much more a high rating but one that has fallen from its peak and may affected by a renort that cne of have further to go before it the hig investment management comes to rest. For comparison, firms does not bold the stock

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has run into from the stimu-lative budget deficit and the 1981 tax cuts, two of the main economic policy initiatives by the Reagan administration, and THERE IS nothing Wall Street luminaries like more than to both items which are generally attributed with a leading role deliver superior economics lec-tures to Washington on the in the economic boom. dangers of deficits and the like. The general consensus on Wall Street, uniting both the pundits and the floor traders, Over the past year, the politi-cians have been barraged by lofty sermons from New York pummers and the nour tratters, is that this approach cannot go on indefinitely, since the defi-cit is funded so heavily by over-seas capital. But the market also sees no easy way out, as the goings on in Washington this week clearly testifics. on the need for higher taxes. But down on the trading floors, the sight of government lumbering slowly into action to respond to some of these ideas has hardly been greeted with wild-eyed enthusiasm. All it

Hence equities continue to be neans at the hard end of the edgy about the prospects for future profits, even though the rapid fall in interest rates Mr Goodman did not sit tight securities business is uncertain. As a result, a week in which the headlines have been dominated by the Treasury's proposals ought by rights to be setting for sweeping tax reform, has the scenes for some recovery in stock prices. But Comfort's Harry Edwards also turned out to be a week of morose sbare price behaviour.

- and promptly announced an On Tuesday, the day thep lan agreed £15m takeover of Prince trial stocks is now standing at around 4.80 per cent against a waa announced, the Dow Jones Industrial Average advanced by Comfort immediately rejected almost 8 points, taking beart the Intasun bid, and Intasun said it would try block the Prince of Wales acquisition, 11.30 per cent. At the beginning of August, when equity prices from the quite reasonable argu-ment that the flat tax proposals are only the first tentative yield on industrials amounted which is to be achieved by the htrust in a long battle that will purchase of a 51 per cent stake produce plenty of alternative from Taddale, an industrial trategies and skirmishes.

long-dated treasury. But then the Dow slipped into Some of the damaging effects There is a deceptive simplia steady slide, on the equally reasonable view that, if you bave no idea what the final outof present policies on the corcity abont the logic of Intasun'a porate sector were demonstramove. The company wants to ted again this week in two beavy come will be, it becomes ex-tremely difficult to make any equipment sectors where American companies have cominated rational investment judgment. the world market for decades. Even the discussion of the flat

Both the proposed takeover International Harvester's tax proposals themselves has of been confused. They are the agricultural machinery division by Tenneco, and Caterpillar Tractor's decision to cut even kind of suggestions that most people find satisfactory for the chap next door, but rarely for deper into its U.S. operations, highlight yet again the prob-lems the high dollar is giving themselves. They are appealing to many economists because they are clean and neat and look American exporters. In the case of agricultural intellectually consistent. Yet, as equipment, the need for capthe initial reaction showed, they offend many of the pressure acity reductions has arisen partly because U.S. farmers

groops that bave a powerful offer of 130p cash plus two of presence in Washington. its own shares for every five As far as the equity market is Comfort sbares would dilute dollar — for Caterpillar, the currency poses similar export difficulties, along with pricing concerned, one of the odd points shareholders' earnings even if about the Treasury plan is that it would increase the overall tax take from the corporate sector. This is not easy for business to petition from cheaper imports. White these companies were stomach, since it has always felt that it had a real friend in the white bouse at present, and one that it had supported royally during the re-election campaign. Not only that, but the administration

telling the world about their rationalisation plans, equatics were also faced with further signs of a softening in the economy. After last generally discount rate cost, bank prime attributed with having breathed rates have ratcheded down this new life into corporate profits through the highly favourable week in two main steps, first from 11.75 per cent to 11.50 per cent, and then by a further tax concessions on investment introduced three years ago: these would now go in the

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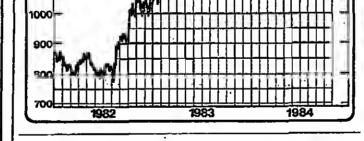
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There's life after BT

Unlisted Securities Market

ANY FEARS that the investment attention commanded by British Telecom's flotation would knock the stuffing out of the USM were dispelled last week While the new issue market

ls only just showing signs of waking up agaln after a threeweek nap, the USM's existing constituents have been trotting along smartly, both in terms of price and share trading volume. The USM leaders' index has

just about held its own against the FT All-Share in a buoyant week for the latter, while turnover bas continued to run at a significantly higher proportionate pace than on the full market

Around £25m worth of shares changed hands on the USM last week, at which rate 45 per cent of the market's entire £2.9hn value would be turned over in a year. "It shows that the USM does have a degree of independence and resilience which is actually very welcome," says Simon Metcalf. corporate finance partner with County finance Bank.

After a husy start to the month, the USM saw only one commany-agart from the introluction of Monument Oil, which did not market any new shares -squeeze into the new issues quere ahead of BT. That was Access Satellite International. a maker of movable scaffolding platforms.

which offered proof of a more wayward brand of independ-ence among USM investors. Access initially attracted widespread condemnation from financial commentators who were critical of the issue'a timing and of the intimacy of the group's links with some of its most important customers Yet its tender offer of 3m shares at 150p was oversub-

scribed 21 times at the 160p

premium when trading opened last Friday. Since then they bave climbed further to around 200p; where the group is valued at close on £32m. At that level, the personal stake of .lohn Garton, the managing director, is worth £10m—a fair consolation prize for the Oity's damning pre-Marks and Spencer sbares trade

flotation reception. This happy reversal in Access's fortunes had something to do with an intensive market ing drive by its sponsoring brokers, who were busy persuading institutional investors that the group might not be as black

the financial press had painted it. The result was that the Institutions took up around 75 per cent of the shares on offer, a rather higher level of big in-

vestor support than is usual for USM tender offers. Acces brings the number of companies to have joined the USM since September to 25the grand total is 274-a target which at that time looked more likely to be reached by Christmas.

Next in the new issues queue are Rex Williams Leisure. which provides a snooker and pool table operations service to the licensed trade and makes coin-operated tables, and Penny and Giles International, .a

maker of advanced measure ment and control instrumenta tion. Their market debute next

mooth will no doubt be watched closely by other USM aspirants keen to test the water before

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11 per cent rate. analysts saw a generally bene-ficial effect from a flat tax was This rapid change interest rale structure has at in high technology industry. Unleast given Wall Street a little like corporations spending excitement over shares in the heavily on plant and equipment, financial sector. Some brokerand therefore able to claim inage houses, PaineWebber in allowances and micular, have been pushing accelerated depreciation, high banking and other financial stocks quite hand in recent technology companies' heaviest expenditure is often in people. weeks on the grounds that Their effective tax rate bas therefore tended to be higher. their cost of funds has been declining more quickly than the rates they charge to Under the new proposals, they would be put on an equal footbornowers.

Savings and loans companies for example, outperformed the market by almost 10 per cent last month, and in spite of the increase in their share prices. PaineWebber says the finan-cials still remain the most attractive major stock group.

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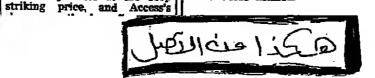
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DIAMONDS are forever," says of 5.3 per cent to R348m the De Beers' advertising slogan, (\$156m) in net profits now This also applies to the group's announced for the six months neteriningtion to maintain con- to September 30 largely reflects and of the market although the recovery in the group's coal Harry Oppenheimer, sometimes sector. known as the King of Diamonds,

is at last retiring from the chairmanship after 2 reign of 27, TEATL.

tame in diamonds. It means being always prepared to buy the bulk, at least, of world mine production of rough (uncut) diasnonds at prices which are not reduced.

- It also means regulating the orgoing sale of these diamonds to match market demand which, at difficult times such as these. means De Beers' Central Selling Drganisation having to finance Big stocks of unsold stones.

V Basically, Harry Oppenheimer has followed the master plan formulated by his father. Sir Ernest, but has had to adapt to changing circumstances as when in the 1930s depression he broke with tradition by using advertis-Sewellery sales.

Two years ago Harry Oppen-Theimer, then aged 74, retired Anglo American Corporation but stayed at the helm of De Beers to steer the ship through the worst diamond recession since the 1930s.

The fact that he is now stepping down, although remaining on the board he has served for 50 years, should not be taken as a sign that all is now well with the diamond market,

It has certainly improved, but buying is still concentrated at the cheaper end and there may well be a long haul yet to full recovery.



Coal viz Angle American Coal: Corporation, should again team more in the second half. The platimum interest should Continuity is the name of the also contribute more, but not some in diamonds. It means too much can be expected from dramonds and the South African industrial activities remain under the shadow of that country's economic reces-

Gold should do well enough bearing in mind that because of the weakness of the South African rand against the U.S. dollar, the rand price of gold is al around record levels. In all, however, Anglo's current half year does not appear to have any particular promise.

The price of gold is still high enough for the mines to earn good profits which is more than can be said about that of copper, This is the basis of a storm that has brewed up over the big Ok Tedi gold-copper project in Papus New Guines.

Stage one of its development involves the open-pit mining of the gold cap which surrounds the top of this virtual mountain of ore, high up in the country's rain-soaked Star Mountains.

Stage two envisages the mining of both gold and copper in the lower part of the deposit. Eventually there will be a stage three when there will he only

copper ore left to mine. The Government of PNG which has a 20 per cent stake in Ok Tedi is anxious that stage two be brought along as soon as possible because it fears that the major partner companies. Broken Hill Proprietary and Amoco Minerals (each holding 30 per cent) may concentrate only on the profitable gold. This could lead to Ok Tedi becoming only a low grade copper mine whereas a goldcopper mix would be a profit ble proposition and, of course bring in more foreign exchange So PNG is accusing the com-

panies of delaying stage two hy more than necessary and withholding its further share of

funds for stage one. The companies deny that they do not intend to mine the copper hut they prefer to leave it as long as possible in the hope of better metal prices. Mean-while, such is the debt burden of the operation that as things are it does not look as though anybody wil make much out of the venture after

Just how the goarrel is to

compromise on both sides. It

seems, however, that there will

have to be a major financial restructuring before the project.

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Over in Chile there is another

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rielding utility with solid earnings prospects, a monopoly with Telecom for the long term. virtually no downside risk and. "I tend to hold shares" less plausibly, a growth stock on the bigh frontier of new technology.

Its lavish advertising campaign has captured the imagination of millions of investors. many of whom have never bought a share hefore. What do they think they are buying, and how high are their hopes for British Telecom?

> consultant to an American company based in Croydon. He put in an application for shares the

the day he received a copy of at all. the prospectus from bis brokers. Albert E. Sharp of Birmingham. He is applying for 1.600 shares, for which he should receive eight £18 vouchers to set against his telephone bill.

His wife is applying for 2,400 sbares and opting for the ahare bonus to be distributed in 1987. Melville has been investing said, "but in the last few days I in the stock market for 25 years, thought of speculating."

BRITISH TELECOM is all and describes himself as things to all men. It has been great believer in stocks and variously touted as a high-shares." As with his other shares, he plans to hold British

"I tend to hold shares." he said. "The risk is in huying and selling all the time." And even if British Telecom opens at a large premium to the offer price he won't be tempted to

cut and fun. "I look purely and simply on the growth of the company," Melville said, "I will hold on to them for as long as they continue to grow, and there's no reason why they shouldn't . . . One investor with no doubts reason why they shouldn't . . . at all is Forrest Melville, a There's a future in British Telecom because there's a captive market." The prospect of re-nationalisation worries him not

Tom Donaghue is a less wholehearted believer, but he has enough confidence in the issue to have applied for 10,000 shares.

"I made up my mind to huy at least half that number all along, going for the vouchers and the share distribution." he

The former chairman of a make a fast buck." computer company, Donoghue is keeping his plans flexible, but if line in his investments now. the shares open at a premium he will be very tempted to sell at least some of them. "If they go up 30 per cent I'll probably sell balf.

Donoghne usually huys shares in two kinds of company-

into the bluc chip category. "In a pro the longer term it would appear cigar." that the share is worth holding on to aoyway," he said, and the Diana Good has never owned a share in her life, but she vouchers will be an incentive for this. The perks were no incentive British Telecom: "I'm going to at all to Myer Joseph of Swan-make a quick sale."

sea. He didn't even fill in a box to indicate whether he wanted vouchers or bonus shares, and he is still not very enthusiastic about the whole thing.

chance of making a capital profit except as a slag." But the razzmatazz surrounding the BT sale worked its magic. "I went with the crowd . . . it looked as though you couldn't possibly advised that I can't lose." lose any money and you could

Joseph takes a fairly cautious "My ambition to become wealthy isn't as great as my fear of hecoming poor." he commented. As a result, he is also cautious on predicting what he will do with his shares.

"I really don't know how long electronics, and blue chip-and I'll hold them. If it's a 20p he expects BT to fall eventually premium you might as well take a profit and buy yourself a

> knows exactly what she is going lost for this crusade: She will

Good, who works for a law firm in London. is currently in the process of buying a house, has money to invest. and saw the opportunity to make a quick profit on the money that will go towards the been keen to altract is William "My instinct was to leave it money that will go towards the alone." he said. "I don't see the purchase but is now lying idle. an investor. I'm no a gambler. Stagging on her first ever enture into the Stock he said. "I've never bought a venture into the Stock Exchange? "I'm not totally conahare before I've never even filled out a football coupon fident, or I'd have gone for more." she said. "But I'm in my life." McFarlane has been aware of

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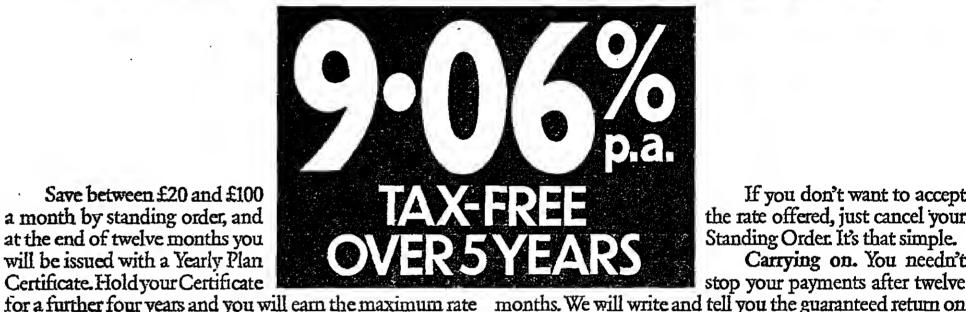
of first time investor the Government had in mind when Monday night to apply for 400 shares. "If I'd left it in the bank it set out to attract a wider I'd probably have got the same sbare-owning democracy 10 sort of dividend, but it'a a British Telecom, but all is not change-just a notion.

The process of applying for the shares was a little dounting consider shares next time she but McFarlane eventually went along to stockbrokers Penney Easton, regional co-ordinators One of the first time inves-tors that the Government has

for Glasgow, and made out his application there. McFarlane of Glasgow, "I'm no "In a sense I go along with

the view that they're selling our stuff to finance unemployment." McFarlane said. "At the same time I suppose there's a quirk in my nature that makes me put the BT sale for some months a few hundred in and see what

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Significantly, perhaps, Harry Oppenheimer says: "I certainly do not intend to break my link with De Beers." But it will be interesting to see how the new "chairman, Julian Ogilvie technical problems, can be said problems while maintaining the basic continuity of policy. ... He cannot be accused of being normal copper market circum-

'a new hand at the game, having stances would have had the been on the De Beers hoard mining companies rushing to since 1966 and became deputy chairman in 1982. He has deposit of Broken Hill Proworked closely with Harry prietary and Texaco which holds "Oppenheimer for many years what is possibly the world's and now he will also be more closely associated with Harry's son, Nicholas Oppenheimer, who pleted into open-pit mining of becomes deputy chairman of De the portion containing around Beers. The diamond dynasty 545m tonnes which has a high lives on

grade of 2.16 per cent copper It is a very nice proposition Jot " Ogilvie Thompson and Nicky Oppenheimer are also indeed, hut its capital cost Joint deputy chairmen of Anglo would be in the region of American, the chairman being \$800m-\$1bn and there's the rub. Gavin Relly. Anglo has an Texaco with debts to be Gavin Relly. Anglo has an Texaco with debts to be important indirect stake in De repaid following its \$10bn take Brers but its other interests are wide ranging and cover most of the metals, coal. South African industrial activities and finance. the latter has enough on its industrial activities and finance. over of Getty Oil has offered



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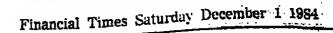
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Fowler proposals 'the wrong way round'

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in onr view, what is necessary is to provide new freedoms to the better-off while making sure that everybody is able to fall hack on the security of the State scheme which can provide an adequate safety net. However, yoor proposals, reflecting political presures and the lobby of the occupational pensions indus-try, take important steps in other direction.

Everbody, including people at quite modest income levels will be permitted to contract ont of the State earnings-related scheme. But higher paid employees are likely to continue to be trapped in their company schemes, because although they will have the right to opt out, they will exercise that right only at the probable cost of losing almost all the benefit of their employer's substantial contributions,

The basic State pension is at far too low a level to provide the bedrock of any system of provision for old age. Under the pension system which has now been in force for nearly seven years-and lias previously been supported hy hoth the Labour

OVER THE past decade, a new growth sector-has established itself in the pensions field-the executive "pension schemebased more in tax planning and every eligible person, But they mitigation than on actual pen- are more valuable to the higher

sion provision. The 1973 Social Security Act ling director is in a position to opened up this sector hy giving make maximum use of the controlling directors the option benefits in a manner that is not of either continuing to he regarded as self-employed or vidual employee, else heing treated as employees for pension purposes, with the able to all pension schemes, is opportunity to switch status freely.

A pension scheme, whether it is a company scheme or a self-cmployed arrangement, is a tax efficient savings vehicle. Each type of scheme offers ample opportunity to channel assets from the company to the controlling directors without getting clobbered by the faxmao.

Since each type of scheme operates under different tax rules, the director can use his freedom to switch employment status to maximise the benefits,

It needs to be emphasised that pension tax reliefs allowed

LAST JULY, Norman Fowler issued a consultative document on personal pensions, with a request for comments from interested parties by the end of November. With apologies for missing the deadline by a day, Barry Riley and Eric Short offer their views

and Conservative Parties-the necessary second tier is provided by the State earnoffer personal pensions. Yon have suggested the need for cooling-off periods so that ings-related scheme. You now wish to reduce salesmen cannot hustle their ctients into over-basty decithe State's commitment to slons. But there are more this second tier—but you leave open to debate the level of mintmum contribu-tion which would provide the important safeguards that

need to be considered. First, cootrol over the activities of the individual necessary margio of safety. Individual peusion plans In-evitably carry n significant Investment risk. The lower salesman seems at least as important as supervision of the various investment Institutions which will manage the assets. There is already great concern within the investment the level of contributions, the greater the danger that the plans will not deliver the industry over the level of commissions which are charged, and the problems the hoped for benefits, and therefore the greater the chance that large numbers of future individual client has in receivpensioners will be forced hack into dependence on the

ing unbiased advice. This leads directly on to the second question, concerning the way in which investment projections are presented. The life offices are coming under particular pressure for their rellance on obscure and notcutiatly dangerous "bonus" assumptions. Given that nension plans can last for as long as 40 years, mloor differences in assomptions about inflation and lovestment returns ran have enormous consequences for projected henefits.

There is consequently an

overwhelming need for standardisation of presentation and control of fees and commissions. Since the appeal of such pension plans will depend so much on tax relief, It is only natural that the Government ahould impose strict restrictions on qualify-ing policies and their marketing. No doubt yon will he discussing this with your Cabinet colleague Norman sidering proposals for investor protection over a broader field.

The third question that oeeds to be considered con-cerns the range of investments which would be perthe missible. We believe main objective bere most be to ensure that individual pension plans are based on n reasonable spread of assets. Unit trust experience sbows that "flavour of the month tyne funds tend to sell prolifically. But pension plans must not be allowed to bear too moch specialised risk.

We would not, however, see any objection if Individuals wished to run their own portfolios of securitles under the

Pension perks for directors

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rate taxpayer and the controlservice usually available to the indi-The first concession, applic-But as the executive gets older.

that contributions paid hy the individual attract tax relief at his top rate, while contributions paid by the company are allowable against Corporation Tax, But in many cases, benefits can be enhanced if the controlling director paid the contributions himself-getting the equivalent rise in earningsrather than the company paying all the contributions.

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The next very valuable concession as far as the controlling director is concerned are the tax free lump sums paid on death before retirement and the tax free (as least for the scheme. by the Inland Revenue apply to present) commutation sum at

executive earning £30,000 a The lump sum death in year gets £120,000 cover from an executive pension scheme, benefit available on a company scheme or a self-If he invests 5 per cent of carnemployed pension is paid free ings - £1,500 - then Equitable of alt taxes including Capital increasing temporary Life's insurance contract will provide cover of around £1.2m. benefit will provide any capital needed for a widow's pension,

Until age 45. the executive the self-employed lump sum adneed not worry about providng a pension. The lump sum controlling director can com-Around this age it is time for Transfer Tax, Such a sum business to be passed on withavailable to dependents free of out having problems meeting CTT should the controlling final earnings. director die enables the family the controlling director to con-Under a company pension sider becoming an employee and salary scheme a lump sum up to four times earnings can be paid, while under a self-employed With such a scheme, the executive can build up to the maximum two thirds of final pension contract the controlling director can pay up to 5 per cent of his earnings towards life earnings pension in as short a years before retircment. period as ten years-a feature The younger executive can he could never do with a selfemployed pension arrangement. He is still interested in the lump get far more life cover by opting for being self-employed, than through an executive sum death-in service benefit so hc contributes the maximum 15 For example, a 30-year-old per cent of earnings, to maxi-

upervision of stockbrokers or other qualified advisers, again with the sateguard that provision should he made for a spreading of risk.

So much for our direct

comments on personal pen-sions. Bot we would also ask you to look once again at the tax, the chances are that you question of giving the bigher paid a more attractive opportunity to break free from occupational schemes which, while often offering n very good deal to long-servers

can be very poor value indeed for more mobile workers. The objective should be to permit individuals to consider a third-tier personal pension plan, on top of the existing two tiers of the State arrange-Your intention is that com-

panies should not have to pay anything into the personal pension plans of opting-oot individuals, apart from rebated national insurance contributions averaging 4.15 per ceot. This is in spite of the fact that the actoal cmployer's contribution averages some 12 per cent for staff

schemes, and is often even blgher. But you have been overinfluenced by the pleas of occupational schemes for protection. We believe that employers should be required to pay something much nearer the average contribution into their employees' personal Dlans.

mise that death benefit. An ordinary employee usually has to take 40 years to build up to the maximum entitlement -the root cause of the early

leaver problem. There is considerable flexihility as to when the executive takes his pension, though early retirement before the stated normal retirement age can cause problems, But when he eventually draws his pension - 75 is the ultimate age - the

mute part of that pension for a tax-free lumn sum of 11 times The Revenue will look with a jaundiced eye at a major

increase immediately setting up an executive scheme, before retirement. But there is still plenty of scope to bocst this lump sum payment hy judicious increases in the few

So lump sum payment at retirement reoresents the passing of company assets to the controlling director through the pension scheme.

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You might think that if you paid exactly what was demanded, no llability for interest could arise. You would be wrong. An interest charge may still arise on any additional tax that you are eventually shown to owe over and above the original demand,

Interest begins to run against you on any unpaid tax from the 'reckonable date." This date may, however, only be disclosed once a complex jigsaw has been assembled, dependent on the assessment made, the action taken in response and the final outcome. There is no alternative to a careful piecing together of the various elements. The three most likely situations are as follows:---

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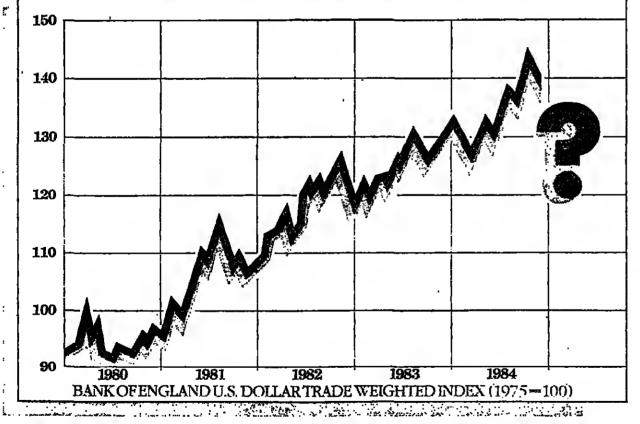
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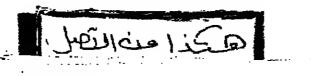
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Many sigckbrokers have moved into the wider splice of under a stockbroker's dis-cretionary management. First and most obviously, you lose financial planning, Most brokers should he ahle to control over your portfolioadvisc, at least in general though you could give instructions not to invest in, aav. tobacco companies. You may terms, on tax planning, and many have departments to feel that you have lost touch cover insurance-linked and with your investments and might be as well off in unit other Investments. Hoare Govett, for example,

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ledge of Business Expansion Schemes and woodlands investment, and Quilter Goodison has expertise in commodities—but Capel-Cure Myers suggests that if you feel like investing in commodities you should go and lie on a hot beach until the feeling goes away.

But it is not always the brokers which trumpet their financial planning services loudest who will offer the best service. Many firms have advised their clients on tax planning for years without ever announcing a new purpose-built department.

ploy. Should you be paying specific Starting on December 10, Midfees for portfolio management services and financial advice? Most stockhrokers cover their, incur no charges at all. If they Royal Bank group. costs with the normal commission on Stock Exchange dcals and on other investments they

may put you into. A few, however, such as Buckmaster & Moore, charge an annual fee for administering the portfolio, while others will charge extra for each valuation of your stocks they carry out. The Slock Exchange is now phasing out its minimum com-mission scales, and when the Big Bang "--- the restructuring nf the industry-finally arrives there may well he substantial changes in the scrvice. When this happens. more stockbrokers are likely to move in a fee-paying basis for their portfolio mangement services and a greater division could grow up between those firms

that concentrate on serving the

private client and those that

aim at institutional business.

A move to free banking

BY DAVID LASCELLES

NOTHING IS really free in thia go into the red, they will have world. But Midland Bank's to pay 31p for cheques and to have increased its account announcement this week of "free standing orders (which is banking" marks a striking depar- slightly more than other banks) ture from the recent trend of and 12p for direct debits and ever-rising bank charges. It Auto withdrawals (which is represents a good deal for cus-tomers, though no one can be require minimum halances for sure at this stage wbether it will turn the tide or just end up as an expensive marketing

require minimum halances for "free" banking (see table). been a great success for other account, and the two bigges banks, mainly regional ones.

executive Sidney Procter. But the other clearers seen in nn hurry to follow Midland They recoup only balf the cos Free banking has certainly of running the average current

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Barclays and NatWest, thin that have introduced it. The Co-op. the National Giro Bank, customers should pay for th land customers who keep their Co-op, the National Giro Bank, service without having it sul current accouot over zero will the Yorkshire Bank and the sidised by overcharging ft another service.

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Source: Midland Bi

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A listed cottage

BY OUR LEGAL STAFF

Just over 18 months ago, I crucial (during the next three purchased a thatched cottage months or so). The point here which was described by the estate agents as a 'listed property ' and where the surveyor, acting on my behalf, conducting the initial survey indicated that the thatch ' would not require attention for a period of seven years or so, although be did recommend annual inspections. Recently, as a result of a leaking roof, I have been advised by a thatcher that re-thatching is required which is likely to cost in the region of £6,000. Naturally, I made an appropriate approach to the local authority in order to apply for a grant and, to my surprise, I have now been informed by them that the property is not listed. The local authority further me that they not

months or so). The point here is not the prospective total tax bill, but merely how soon you will be asked to pay the tax on the current year's interest. If interest rates decline, you will pay tax on more interest than you actually receive, inevitably. The crucial ques-tion — which requires consummate skill in economic forecasting - Is whether the amount of interest which you will receive in 1985-S6 or 1986-87 (whichever is the smaller figure) will be greater than the amount which you receive in the year

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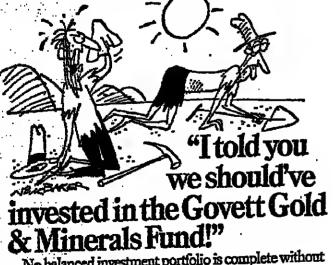
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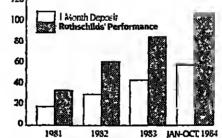
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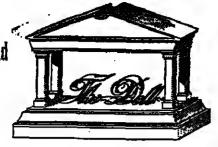
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PROPERTY

June Field visits the Isle of Man Three-legged race for island property

MANY COME for pleasure and £19,500, marked "bargain of a few to recruit their shattered constitutions. They circulate considerable sums of money." observed the first visitor's guide Four-bedroomed bargains." detached houses at £49,500, are "drastically reduced, must sell," says agent Peter Redmond, to the Isle of Man in 1822. Athol Place, Peel. The island is part of the Bri-

tish Isles but is not within the United Kingdom-it is a Crown In the old parish of Braddan, five minutes from Douglas, B. and B. Construction, 3, Glen dependency. Many people think of it only as a place where they hold T.T. races, and the cats Falcon Road, Douglas, heve knocked £10,000 off their have no tails. £69,000 hungalows and reduced four-bedroomed houses £49,750. When you get there after an hour's flight from Heathrow and

cross the Fairy Bridge-Upping Flats, even in purpose-built your bat to the little people so as not to offend—the peace and charm envelope you. blocks, continue to be the one category at odds with the gen-

eral market trend. Buyers on The island takes its name from Manannan Mac Lir, a dicthe island are not as attracted to them as they are on the mainland, so even heavy reductions do not always belp. Flats in con-verted houses. present e morttatorial Celtic sea god who ruled the island, way back, using his magic powers to protect it. He is said to have changed himself gage problem, too. and the Manx Treasury is now taking a harder into three legs: this is the line, insisting on a structural survey of the whole property. island's symbol of independence surrounded by the motio Quocunque Jerceris Stabit, Quocunque Jerceris Stabit, "Whichever way you throw me The major clearing and mer-chant banks provide finance to buy a property and the Govern-

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ment offers limited funds to first-time buyers. Building The Island is about 32 miles from the Point of Ayre to Chicken Rock, 18 miles across societies are planning to enter the market but this is unlikely from Contrary Head to Clay Head. With its peaceful, restricto have much effect on prices as it is not shortage of mortgage tion-free living, the islend money that has depressed the attracts some well-known names. market.

Racehorse owner Robert Sang-ster has en estete called The Chrystals has just sold Ballavale, a fine Georgian house in Nunnery, St Brigid, near Doug-20 acres at Santon. Offered at las, comedien Norman Wisdom bas a place et Ballaugh, and Grand Prix racing driver Nigel sbout £400,000, it was bought at what partner Keith Kerruish colls the island's highest price Mansell lives in a bungalow at ever achieved for a solely residential property. Income tax for the 65.000

He admits that prices are Inhabitaots is a flat rate of 20 heavily negotiated, and that agents look to the UK for per cent. there is no stamp duty. end no tax on sale of property buyers. He also feels the island unless it is sold within two years government must seize the opof purchase, to avoid specule-tion. Interest on bank deposits portunity to attract its share of the retirement market "to both held by non-residents is not boost the bousing market and charged to income tax, and comstimulete the economy." panies, incorporated but not Knocksharry House, in two

resident, pay an annual sum of acres with drametic views across a leke to Peel Castle and over There are no financial qualithe Irish Sea to the coast of Acations for outsiders buying Scotland, is a handsome modern property (as in Jersey), or bome once owned by anthor Richard Adams of Watership Down fame. He built on the mice-level restrictions (as in Guernsey). And with the merket well down, particularly at the lower end, there are barcurved library wing with its hofty pine-beamed celling and gains to be had. Manx stone fireplace. The ask-In Peel, where I watched hering price now is £195.000, reduced from £250,000, Brorings being smoked in giant ovens over blazing oak chips in chure from Mr Kerruish, Chrys the "kippering houses." there tals, Exchange House, Athol are terraced homes for sale at Street, Douglas.

A touch of the Mediterranean

BY ARTHUR HELLYER

GARDENING

THESE PAST few years the design and construction of con-servatories has been greatly improved. No longer does the choice lie between rather flimsy structures built to be sold at the lowest possible price and eleborate Victorian fantasies.

The new generation of conser-vatories is firmly based on modern technology and design. Indeed so much alike are some of the leading makes that at one time I thought they must all be coming from ODe manufacturer and being distributed under various bradd

names. I am assured that this is not ao and that it is the functional excellence of the design and its suitability for association with

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modern dwellings that have made it so widely copied. The framework of nearly all these new conservatories is of very sturdy aluminium coated with e glossy acrylic finish which should require minimal maintenance. The doors slide or swing smoothly, the door bandles and locks are robust and the whole adds up to a quality structure that can be placed against almost any modern house without incon-

grulty. Most of these conservatories could be erected by anyone with a little experience of this kind of work but I think some difficulties might arise with the large conservatories, especially in the bandling of heavy panes

of glass, so it would seem wise of view there is no reason why family than most to allow for professional erec- a conservatory should not be realise. A favourite used like any other greenhouse tion. Some conservatory manu-facturers offer to do thia end but aesthetic considerations may include cost of erection in the price of the building. Dimensions vary consider-

ably, from a width of about 7ft to 10ft and almost any length competible with the sections of which this type of bouse is usually composed. Ridge beights range from about 7ft to 9ft. Ideally, conservatories of

this type should be placed against a wall with direct access into the dwelling house so thet they become additional rooms in which plants can be grown very economically.

Even without any heating of its own, a conservatory in such place will derive quite a lot of warmth from the house, though this is unlikely to be sufficient to prevent freezing at some periods most winters except near the sea or in specially mild places. But it does not require e lot of extra heat to exclude frost altogether and this greatly widens the choice of plants that can be grown.

Often, it is economic to attach a redistor in the conservatory to the house central heating or to install a mains power point for sn electric beater fitted with its own thermostat to switch the current on only when extra warmth is required.

suggest otherwise, especially if the conservatory is used as an extra room. In these circumstances it might be undesirable to fill it up too much with staging for pot plants and better to use a smaller number of larger containers mainly for shruhs and climbers with some

berbaceous plants and bulbs to extend the seasonal colour. There is already sufficient

demand for such plants for at least one nursery to make a special list of them and I also notice a tendency to refer 10 conservatory plants as Mediterranean plants - not because they are all natives of Mediterranean countries but because they are all well established there end are the ones that

tourists are most likely to relate to the region. They include the bougainvilleas, most flamboyant of all chimbing plants, the nleander, various acacias including the common mimosa, the daturas or engel's trumpets, blue flowered Plumbago capensis, oranges and lemons, myrtles, pomegranates, hibiscus, several Mexican sages

and abutilons. All pelargoniums, whether for their flowers or grown scented leaves, ere good conservatory plants and so are all ibe

From a purely technical point fuchsias, a much more varied

rvatory should not be realise. A favourite of mine is Tibouchina semidecandra, a ahrub with velvety leaves, violet-purple flowers and rather gangling stems best tied to some support.

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I also like all the ipomaeus. subtropical relations of the convulvulus, though some of them need to be kept firmly under control. The same is true of Jasminum polyanthum, a marvellously free flowering and richly scented jasmine which needs to be cut back ruthlessly each May.

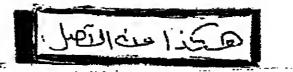
In late spring, hanging baskets can be filled with pendulous begonias, ivy leaved pelargoniums, trailing lobelia and campanula and suspended from the rafters or from brackets fixed to the wall. Large flowered tuberous rooted begonias will flower all sum-mer in containers and can be stored away in a cupboard in the winter. There are also meny handsome foliage plants that will keep the conserva-tory well furnished whetever the season or the amount of flower available;

And, for a few weeks each spring, there is no reason at all why some portable staging should not be introduced (some of the modern aluminium stag-ing is quite decorative) on which seed can be germinated in trays and seedlings grown in small plastic pots with little or no mess or inconvenience.

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TRAVEL

A winter's tale of cities

BY ARTHUR SANDLES

IT WAS a bitteriy cold night. move. It is the time of year for We were due at the opera in cafes, bars, theatre, galleries, settings further north and east. 20 minutes and were grateful to spot a prowling cab. Its serted streets. New York on a endearing capitals is Budapest hesitant progress should have clammy summer day does not — or rather the twin cities of that we were going to be late from beneath the streets and and that, as the vehicle coughed when the cold does not just to an obviously terminal halt, grip, it bites. we were now also lost.

This was Leningrad, and there then followed a Chaplinesque dash through the streets (shaking of the driver's protestations that rapid repair was possible) involving a variety of offers of confusing help and a policeman the cold. I doubt the sanity of whose long-sightedness made map reading impossible hut who refused to admit it-he spent eye opener. Red Square at ages looking at my map side-It ended in one of those emharrassing arrivals when the curtain is still rising as you tread on toes all the way to those inevitable centre aeats. How do you say "sorry" in Russian ?

In fact, it proved hardly worth the bother. The set was magnificent but the perform-ance itself left something to be desired. No opera buff myself. although not above that surge of emotion provoked by a well been to them before. sung aria, I feared the fault was mine. That was until I realised the gentle surge of snoring around me was not the echo of the chorus. We left at half time. We

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- caught a bus.

In spite of, or perhaps because of such experiences I Both also offer excellent eating have an effection for cities in and it is Florence's superiority winter. Particularly northern in that respect, boor that I am, The cold crisp air of that probably tips my own cities. Stockholm or Vienna en- scales in favour of the Florencourages one to keep on the tines.

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But back to the more wintry crowded restaurants and de-One of eastern Europe's most

For really dependable winter cold in a city I would rate New York among the tops. Nearby Boston ia a pretty safe bet too. but in my experience it tends to be on the dampish side.

Moscow is a moody place in anyone who chooses to visit it twice but a first time trip is an night, in the anow, is one of those sights that etches itself permanently on your memory. Cities with a somewht more romantic flavour include, of course, Paris, Amsterdam and, my own favourite, Florence. Unfortunately in the winter mouths all of them can reward the visitor with foul weather conditions. But, if you are nrepared to put up with that risk, then try Florence or Venice,

warned us from the start. compare with a January Man- Buda on one side of the river Within five minutes it was clear hattan when the steam wells up and Pest on the other. Hills always help to give a city physical attraction (compare the dreariness of Los Angeles with the scenic delight of San Francisco) and Budapest has them in abundance. It remains a walkable place, however, and

there is lots to keep the visitor busy. Even if the eastern joys of the Hungarian capital are not aufficient to woo you into the world of Socialist achievement. then you can still sample the joys of the Danube io Vienna. This is one of those places that, to be honest. I have never quite made up my mind about. I like the cafe life, the museums, the Spanish riding school and all that, but the aolid greyness of ali

those imperious, and imperial, buildings can be a bit claustrophobic. That said, however, I must

admit that the Austrians seem to be one of the few nations particularly if you have not on earth who give the impression of welcoming winter. It there. Again, like other Euro-envelopes their land and the pean centres on a similar lati-It is an essential for all good weekend cities that they be natives simply dress right for either walkable or that they it and then make indoor life boast superb public transport. warm, cosy and appealing. To sit in an Austrian home or res- cember and January. In time Venice and Florence are hoth taurant at night is to be almost in the walkable category and glad that it is cold outside. If column hopes to turn its atteoboth can be pretty overcrowded in the main summer months. it were not, the atmosphere would lose so much. I have happy, if dim, memories of less- Loodon is much less crowded sober days speot in the in the winter mooths and has Heurigen (wine hars) of Vienna much to amuse and divert the in the winter. Perhaps it is a



Vienna . . . city that welcomes winter

recollection of the mornings after that make me so jaundiced about the daunting architecture. New York,

But let us more nearer home. Among British cities in the winter, Loodon clearly ranks as the champion, unless you live tude, its winter weather often leaves much to be desired, and I would avoid November, Defor the late winter rush, this tion to our own capital in much greater detail. For the moment, lowever, it is worth ooting that visitor. For all the criticism launched at it by its inhabitants. it also boasis the best (but, unfortunately, far from the cleanest) central area public transportation system in the world

Edinburgh is smaller, but somehow less intimate than London, and my own subjective choices for city weekends away within the British Isles would be York and Bath. I might also choose Bradford and Its environs, but that would be for its specific industrial fascination

If Bradford does not rank high on your winter menu, then there are one or two little pieces of exotica which might Serenissuna/Heritage empt. has recently heeo offering weekends (well, they stretch the Street, London WIR 9 definition slightly) to Delhi, weekends to Budapest specifically for the side trip to upwards or £235 upw the Taj Mahal, and British the de luxe version.

travel agent.

FINLAND

Airways will always happily sell you a ticket on Concorde to dollar would fall fust a little bit more, has got to top the list for the best of winter weekends.

At least there if the taxi breaks down there is likely to he another one-not that I would ever have succeeded in gettiog a ticket for the Met Further information: Your local tourist information ceotre should have details of domestic city attractions and most of the hotel chajos have special offers for weekends in the wioter months. Dozens of companies do weekend arrangements to European cities and your local travel agent will give you a sheaf of material. If you are thicking of Italy make sure the Pegasus brochure is among the hundle and, now that Thomson is firmly into the weekend

market, its brochure provides a good benchmark for prices. As far as the nearer cities, such as Paris and Amsterdam, are concerned it is worth doing a little research on whether or not it is both cheaper and more coovenient to arrange your own trip. Not only are there special weekend fares but also the ferry companies have very attractive weekend rates which means that a family can go away for the weekend and load the car up to the gunwales with goodies for the return journey. Danuhe Travel. 6 Conduit Street, London WIR 9TG, sells weekends to Budapest for £177 upwards or £235 upwards for

Tune up for cold weather

MOTORING

BY STUART MARSHALL IF YOUR car won't start on a

frosly morning, it's not dumb insolence or an act of God. As the starter churns ever more slowly you may blame the manufacturer and the garage, but the chance is that a major part of the fault is yours.

In mild weather an ill-tuned engine will start after being lurned on the starter for much looger than should be necessary. But in low temperatures, even with modern thin oils, a cold engine is stiffer to spin. That puts greater demaods on the hattery which is also affected by the weather. As the temperature drops, so does its output:

To make matters worse, winter motoring, with the lights and rear window demister on for long periods. may mean Ibat the car's allernalor isn't putting as much current back into the hattery as it needs. This is especially true if most of your journeys are short and in traffic. So what is to be done? If the car is ready or overdue for a service, don't delay a moment longer. Take it to the garage, or call Home Tune. Most garages are falling over themselves to do husiness nowadays. A skilled tune-up will prevent starting problems from bappening and will, of course, save petrol as well. And if your battery seems to be below par, get it looked at right away. If it really is on its last legs, you will have to replace It anyway and you might just as well do so before you find yourself straoded in some frosty car park at 2 am.

Batteries are amazingly reliable and long suffering. When I first owned a car in the 1950s, one reckoned a battery was doing well if it lasted for more than two years. Now a five-year working life is nothing in be surprised at.

In hatteries, as with everything else. you tend to get what you pay for. There are cheap ones, which may perform perfectly well if of adequate capacity for your car. But to be on the safe side, a premium-grade battery is the best. Exide's new Torque Starter is perbaps the pick of the bunch It disproves the old today. never mind the quality, feel the width" theory. Although smaller and 25 per cent lighter



THE HALLMARK of a good turbocbarger installation is not a neck-jerking hurst of acceleration at 3,000 rpm but the feeling that what you know is a 1.6 litre fourcylinder engine under the bonnet could well he a 2.5 litre six.

Ford's new Escort RS Turbo is that kind of car. During a brief drive last week in dreadful weather it impressed with its effortlessness and refinement. It accelerated from 40 mph to 100 mph in a smooth rush of power in fifth gear and I wonldn't doubt for a moment Ford's claimed 125 mph maximum. I'm sare its 0-60 mpb acceleration in 8.2 seconds is achievable in the dry, though it would not have been in the wet. Despile a limited slip differential-the first, it is said. on a regular production front-wheel drive car-there was enough torque in the three lowest gears to break the grip of the 50 series tyres and make the front-end unruly.

Slightly softening the

than a standard battery, the tained and used regularly, t Torque Starter produces 20 per battery should never need cent more power during the overnight hoost from a tric! critical first five seconds when you flip the starter key. It is a "fit and forget" battery. Used normally, it never needs topping up throughout its life.

bad lack with batteries and into the cigarette lighter sock become reconciled to needing I have only once had to . replacements every year or so mine and that was when I l and still cannot be sure of get- the car in my drive with ting the car to start in the morning. They should suspect the charging system. A faulty charger every night to be s' control unit allows a battery of a cold start next morning to be under-charged so it won't a sure sign that something perform properly, or overwhich shortens its charged. life. The answer is a visit to the local auto electrician. If a car is properly main- the problem.

suspension has done wonders for the ride; the Turbo felt much more comfortable than the last XR3i I tried. The power output is up 26 per cent from the XR3i (the Turbo has 132 horsepower at 6,000 rpm) and torque is 30 per cent better.

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The car wnn't be available until next year at a price. I estimate, of at least £9,000. Meanwhile, if you want a Forc turbo, the people to go to are Turbo Technics. of Northampton f0604 64005). I spent an enjoyable week with a Turbe Technics converted Ford XR4i recently. Normally the XR4i is a quick (130 mph and civilised sporting salno With hts V6 2.8 litre engine's ontput boosted tn 200 horsepower it went as though it has a huge VS up front, so copious was the finw of power

The conversion costs £1.55 (plus VAT) and results in a car that would show a clean pair of heels on the antohahr to some expensive exotica yet trickles down the High Street untemperamentally in top.

charger, though if the car; idle for weeks on end, c might be helpful, Halfords other molor accessory she Some motorists seem to have have neat little ones that p headlights on the whole ev ing. Having to use a tric wrong with the battery, cha ing system or the engine's st of tune. It's no good treat the symptoms instead of cur

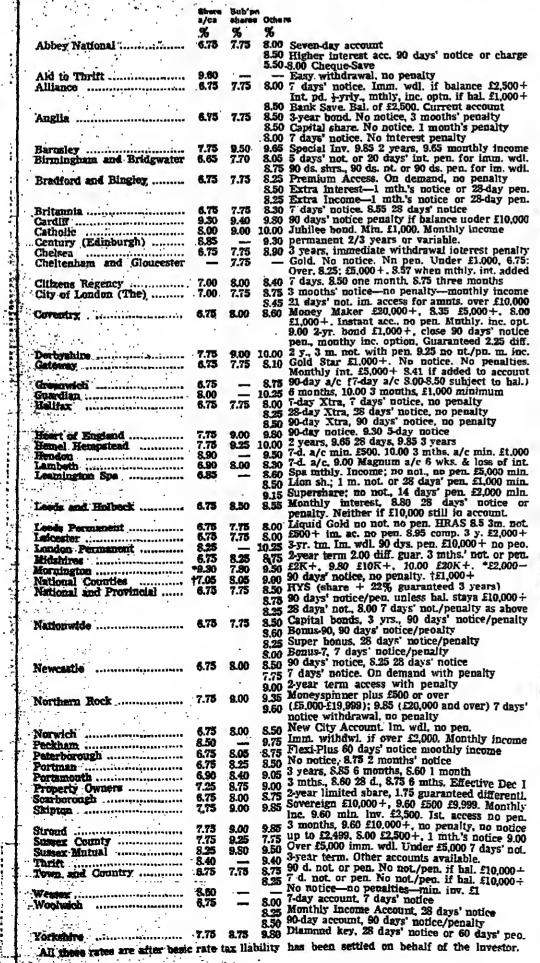


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To Leon Edel's five-volume biography of Henry James, one of the most absorbing literary portraits published during the last 50 years, his Letters, edited by the same scholar, make an admirable addition. Volume IV admirable addition. Volume IV (Harvard University Press, £25.50) is a book I have particu-larly enjoyed. Here we see the great man, august yet neither self-complacent nor untroubled, still devotedly cultivating his own gentus, and being now "more open to sentiment" than at any earlier petiod gradually at any earlier period, gradually evolving the new style from which sprang such complex masterpleces as The Ambasadors and The Golden Bowl.

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I have also enjoyed a modern self-portrait, The Gyanasium of the Mind: The Journals of Roger Hinks, 1933-1963, edited by John Goldsmith (Michael Russell, £10.95). Hinks was a lover of learning par excellence, once Assistant Keeper at the British Museum, but, simultaneously, a man of the world and a keen mail of contemporary art and life, who bad an exceptionally sharp eye and a fine descriptive flair. His day-to-day comments and reflections make this book much more readable, at least so far as 1 am concerned, than many 20th-century works of fiction.

PETER QUENNELL

• My book of the year bas to be Gore Vidal'a Lincoln: A Novel (Heinemann, £9.95) but not because, as they say, it gripped me from the very beginning. On the contrary; here was the author of some of the most sophisticated prose penned in this century writing like Margaret Mitchell without the romantic bits. Or so it seemed. But, as I got past the first quarter of this enormous book, I found myself warming to the task. Thus was Moore's law proved wrong, which is that if you are not gripped from the beginning it is probably not very good. Against the graio, if my estimate of Vidal's virtuosity is correct, he was making the whole thing work-thus proving blmself the most professional novelist of them all.

GEOFFREY MOORE • It is very rare for a book • Journey to Kars (Viking, on polltical economy to be my book of the year. But Peter Jay's Crisis for Western Political Economy and Other Essays (André Deutsch, £14.95) must surely head the list in 1984. The crime for which some people cannot forgive Jay is predicting correctly 11 years ago that our pay bargaining system would either collapse in hyperinflation or generate unem-ployment "in the low millions." Still more unforgivably, he was right for the right reasons and correctly saw that the U.S. was the most likely exception to his prognosis. The style is invigorating and cheerful rather than gloomy. The essays cover not only political economy, but international affairs ("America long ago decides: Europe complains"), television and the philosophy

My book of the year

Our reviewers choose the books published this year they have most enjoyed reading



Clowns at Olympia in 1936, photographed by Edwin Smith, whose collection of work from 1935-1971 has been chosen by Colln Amery.

be was also a man of unsuspected passions

£8.95) by Philip Glazebrook is a travel book with a difference. The author raises the question of what he thinks he is doing as a traveller in a country like Turkey, and he contrasts his experiences with what happened in the last century to those who preceded him there. Much curious knowledge and a good deal of thought comes in memorably good prose Books by writers about their

MAX LOPPERT

childhood are generally well left alone, but Eudora Welty's One Writer's Beginnings (Harvard U.P. £3.00) is an exception. She was brought up in Mississippi by loving parents, and remains grateful to be still

celebrating the happiness of

of "news," the joys of sailing, Best hook for me was A Very Private Eye: Barbara

my colours to the flag-pole of full not only of chess wisdom game of Monopoly played with the Hotel de Lac (Cape, £7,95) by Anita Brookner. No novelist but also of most amusing anecdotes and what one might call ever totted up the cost of trying chess mythology."

to live alone with greater accuracy, But, slightly to change the metaphor, 1 was sorry not to see two other novels come lack of shelf-space, I no longer safe and dry to the Guildhall: buy bard-back books, so the postulants for the Booker and other guerdons come my way a Kingsley Amis's Stanley and the Women (Hutchinson £8.95), a year or two late. But in my book no parent is ever likely to forget, and Angela Carter's special-interest sphere, an essential turns up now and Nights at the Circus (Chatto and Windus, £8,95) with its amazing gallery of grotesques and effortless feats of blue skythen; and as Margot Peters's life of Mrs Patrick Campbell (Mrs Pat, The Bodley Head, writing. Ms Carter knows more about clowns and what they really represent than anyone since Shakespeare.

· Kirk and Raven'a The Pre-Socratic Philosophers was first The amount of detail is vast. published in 1957. It gave a And yet the life itself has an DAVID PRYCE-JONES commentary. Now it is back.

(15.00) has 530 pages, the tex-ture of the binding makes little difference. It's a splendid bio-graphy, tirelessly researched. ANTHONY CURTIS Strictly objective throughout, when sympathy would have been an easy trap to fall into.

and a marvellously informative commentary. Now it is back. of new research and discoveries (edited Schofield, Cambridge University Press. £30.00 hard-back, £10.95 paperback). Every

unlimited supplies of real money. It is a dizzying tale, told with a sense of style which 1960s. CLEMENT CRISP

· Penelope Fitzgerald's Charlotte Mew and ber Friends (Collins £12.95) was the best of the books published in 1984 that have read. Too little noticed has been

the first volume, The Early Oxford Schools admirably edi-ted by J. 1. Catto (Oxford, £35.00) of what promises to be a noble series, a full-scale History of the University of Oxford. Covering the high middle ages it is one of the first books to give an idea of the people who went to Oxford

his motives, above all his hatred of his father, have a more than passing Importance. The author is as sympathetic as be can possibly be about so unsym-mathetic as an informed the pathetic a man. I found the book absorbing.

GEORGE MALCOLM THOMSON ● Several critics dlaliked lt, but lain Bank's first novel The Wasp Factory (Macmillan, £7.95) was the only book all year which made me sit up and want to know what happened next. A Gotble horror story about a Scottlah teenager of distingthe unward hapite it was distinctly unusual habits, It was described by one reviewer as the literary equivalent of a video

literary equivalent of a video nasty — yet no nastier than Hitebcock's Psycho, which it resembles in many ways. On a more esoteric front, Martin Stannard's Evelyn Waugh: The Critical Heritage (Routledge and Kegan Paul. £18,95) traces our bero's career through a critical section of collthrough a cross section of con-temporary reviews. A fascinating insight into what people at the time thought of, say, Black Mischief ("heavy-banded." James Agate) and a salutary reminder — you may find this hard to believe — that literary crilics aometimes make complete idiots of themselves.

NICHOLAS BEST • As a devotee of T. S. Effor 1 was enthralled by Peter Ackroyd's masterly biography (Hamish Hamilton, £12.50) pro-duced In spite of serious impediments. Muriel Spark's The Only Problem (Bodley Head £7.95) is a novel which Eliot would have enjoyed for its theological implications as I its theological implications as I enjoyed it for its humour. Dase Weaver's William (Thames and Hudson £12.50) vied with these as a portrait of Latin temperament in the theatre.

HAROLD ACTON

• The book that has given me greatest pleasure in 1984 has been the poignantly beautiful volume of photographs-Edwin Smith 1935-1971 (Thames and Hudson, £18.00). This is not just another glossy volume of art photographs, it is an immacuately careful selection of the best aspects of Smith's work nut together and introduced by his. wife, Olive Cook. Architecture and landscape were the passions reluctant photographer, seeing It only as a way of financing a career as a painter

Every photograph in this book reveals not just a skilled eye, but an intense humanity. Clowns. gipsies, London mar-kets are all full of the pleasures and pains of life. A view of an interior - cottage, country bouse or church-has an extraordinary quality, you can feel the presence of the people of the past. For once the word magic is accurate, the camera

authors impressed.

writer.

this world.

David

of Hubert Humphrey (Norton,

£18.40) is one of those classic

volumes that skips neither de-

SABEL OUIGLY

can politics. The Democratic Party, decent though it was, ultimately declined because it had achieved some of its original ideals and the voters had moved on. No-one readingthe book can fail to have Walter Mondale and this year's Presi-dential result in mind. It is not

irrelevant to the state of the British Labour Party, either. MALCOLM RUTHERFORD

Money (Cape \$8.95) by Martin Amis, must be the book

Martin Anis, must be the book of the year, not because it is necessarily the best novel, or a work to chal-lenge the imagination, but because it epitomises modern times so brilliantly. Its depic-

times so brilliantly. Its depic-tion of a certain sector of society at a certain period of biatory is comparable to Trollope and the theme, the corrupting effect of the pursuit of wealth, is also Trollopian. Very unlike Trollope is the prose style, so relemitessly sharp, chic and descriptive that yon feel that neither reader nor young Amis can maintain such yon feel that hetcher reader hor young Amis can maintain such a pace over 350 pages. But he does, with little flagging, as he plots the come-uppance of film maker John Self who is tempted maker som sen who is tempted by limitless money into every imaginable self - Indulgence, finally to be hrought low. This is Martin Amis's biggest

• As a devotee of T. S. Ellot work to date and so confident 1 was enthralled by Peter is his talent (although the plot-Ackroyd's masterly biography ting is weak) that he manages (Hamish Hamilton, £12.50) pro- to introduce a certain "Martin" Amia" into the text who fills a modest, supporting role, with out causing embarrassment. ANTONY THORNCROFT

· George Steiner is a European polymath; an authentic per-haps the only Renaissance Mart of our generation. His study of Antigones (Oxford, £15) is # tour de force: vivid, profound, provocative insights into a text, interpretations, and its its

implications for language across 24 centurles.

Professor Steiner's is my book for this year and, probably, many another. So is The Oxford Book of War Poetry (Oxford) £9.50). Edited and introduced by Jon Stallworthy, here is all anthology with an integrity in dependent of the collecter works of its representative anthors. From Exodus extracts to Peter Porter's cold, terrify ing "Your Attention, Please," of Smith's life. Family circum- his public warning of imminent stances made it impossible for nuclear attack, 1916 is the him to complete his architec- shrieking hinge of a selection tural training. Initially be was a which swings through honour and heroics to heartbreak and horror. "All a poet can do today is warn," Wilfred Owen scribbled in notes two poers found on his body in 1918. R

still is. GAY FIRTH

· A cartoon of embassy life in Lower Africa is my choice for my Book of the Year. Short of Glory by Alan Judd (Hodder and Stoughton £8.95) describes Patrick Stubbs' first diplomatic mission abroad, where embassy plans and actions seldom synchronise and misunderstandings reach the bizarre. It is a wonderland of bureaucracy with the brilliant but dotty ambas-sador a niausible Mad Hatter. Patrick's plight is complicate

RICHARD ADAMS guides the reader to a fascinated comprehension of the



would he be of soul" not to like this book.

many other topics.

Much the best novel I read was Umberto Eco's The Name biographical of the Rose, translated by William Weaver, in the new paperback edition (Picador, offers a full portrait at last of £2.95). If you think life was dull in a 14th century Italian of my generation. It bas a monastery, this is the book to double interest for a writer. change your ideas. Second came The Memoirs of an Anti-Semite (Picador £7.95) by lishers who wouldn't take a Grigor von Rezzori. This is in chance on publishing her. the form of five linked short simply because she wasn't in line with that delterious decade stories about Central Europe when everything went wrong and the Balkans from the last days of the "other Kaiser" with Britain. And now she is a (Franz Josef) to the years after hest-selling author in this country and, most improbably, World War Two. Even racial disbkes bad their subtle, touch-In the U.S. Quite right: she was the best novelist of her generaing and ambivalent features before Hitler made the whole tion. What a moving story too subject taboo.

-ber private life! How glad 1 SAMUEL BRITTAN am that all, or nearly all, came right in the end!

During the past year I have

spent a good deal of time read-ing historical studies, and none impressed me more than Guilianme le Conquérant by Michel de Bollard, who is Professor Emeritus of Caen University (Fayard, Paris, FFrs98). When one looks at the tangible memorials to William's achievement-from the great Norman cathedrals to the Bayeux Tapestry-he seems relatively cathedrals to the near and familiar. It is a different matter when one tries to arrive st a clear picture of the man himself.

But with a masterly command of all the available sources, Professor Bollard bas drawn an entirely convincing portrait of strong that it frequently over-William the Bastard, who stands powers the narrative, and the out in such stark contrast to eccentricity of the central most of his contemporaries in characters so bizarre as to be his terrible patience, his unbelievable. But the same organising genius, his magna anplies to Grimm's fairy tales nimity to former enemles, and and L. St. A. de T's great not least in his exemplary strength is that like Grimm she fidelity to his Queen, Mathilde. is busy creating a world of her It is also worth noting that own within which her own rules this study bas appeared at a are observed. As with the most this study Das appeared at a far fetched fairy stores and thoroughly appropriate moment, far fetched fairy stores but since 1987 will mark the nine results are anything but trelevant to the "real" world.

William's death. ERIK DE MAUNY

• I choose Gahriel Faure: His Life Through His Letters, collected, edited, and introduced Jean-Michael Nectoux. (Marion Boyars, £25.00). Nectoux is the leading Fauré scholar of the day; in all his publications on the composer so far, of which this latest is easily most important, be communicates an appreciation of a still under-rated, still semioeglected master which comhines missionary enthusiasm, discernment, and comprehensive control over detail, The figure that emerges from this ssiduous, elegantly balanced blend of letter, annotation, and comment will surprise those who have formed the picture of an urbane salon compose of charming melodies. Faure's was an original mind, an in- fiction than usual. Now the to look something up and entrepreneurs make for extra-

Pym's Antoblography In Letters back, £10.95 paperback). Everyand Diaries. [Macmillan £12.95]. thing there by or attributed It has every kind of appeal, to Empedocles, Pythagoras, and autobio-Heraclitus and the others as graphical-most people don't well are carefully translated, for distinguish between the two. It those with little or no Greek. and there are invaluable discusone of the nicest Oxford women sions of who each of the pre-Socratics really were. The How it shows up the Silly scholarship is impeccable: a Sixties-all those dumb pubmajestic work, and for me one of the most important in the world today.

> My other choice is Brevten Breytenbach's The True Confessions of an Albino Terrorist (Faber and Faber. £9.95), a highly imaginative, good-tempered, intelligent account of his unjust imprisonment by the South African authorities. This is a classic of prison writing.

MARTIN SEYMOUR-SMITH

 For a fresh insight into how A. L. ROWSE politicians operate, nothing this year has beaten J. M. Atkinson's Our Masters' Voices (Methuen, Once again looking back over the year the book which stands ont most memorably is by Lisa £10.50). Based on study of speakers' styles, It shows the St Aubin de Téran: The Tiger devices (lists, repetition, con-trasts and hand gestures) which (Jonathan Cape £8.95). As with her first novel Keepers of the get the greatest applsuse; in House, the setting is the badshort, what distinguishes a spell-

lands of South America, but binder from a run-of-the-mill this time the central character bore, ia Lucien, a child throughout The current chempion is Tony much of the story, whose entire Benn whose most effective method of maximising bis rapbeing is dominated by the adamontine will of his Prussian port with an audience is to talk grandmather, Misia Schmutter. through anplause. Not only is Most memorable is not necesthe book great fun but it is also sarily the same as best, of an invaluabla handbook, supcourse, and The Tiger does have plementing tha more traditional faults. The sense of place is so classics of rhetoric. Send it to strong that it frequently overyour MP.

PETER RIDDELL

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Stella Campbell.

£9.95) is a persooal memoir of

the lives and business empires of Charles Clore and Jack

Cotton. The battles and

finaglings between these two

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• I enjoyed most the Field Guldes to British Animals, Water Life and Butterflies Reader's Digest Associ-(The ation "Nature Lover's Library" series, £24.95 the set of three). These are marvellously infor-mative, easy to use and beautifully-indeed, lavishly-illus-trated: ideal either as reference books or for approaching a new fully-inde subject. Their whole layout and appearance are most attractive

CHRIS DUNKLEY

public prints today?

 What a year! I cannot Then I delighted in Geoffrey remember when so many books competed to be mentioned here. Grigson's Recollections—Mainly of Writers and Artists (Hogarth Press, £12.50), first because it In biography I particularly en-joyed Anne Thwaite's Edmund is so readable and witty and osse. A Literary Landscape secondly because it evoked such (Secker and Warburg, £15.00), vivid and nostalgic memories (it lying on a lounger on a Halienic cruise, but also for its the 1930s-the exciting world of New Verse and of the young Auden, Spender, Isherwood and insights into its prickly hero Macneice. A splendid bedside and into my own profession of book. reviewing. In this line I was saddened that David Cecil's

Finally, I love to browse in the new Tha Oxford Companion Desmond MacCarthy: The Man And His Writings (Constable, to Chess, by David Hooper and Kenneth Whyld (Oxford, £9.95) did not seem to nersuade £15.00). It has been truly said more of my colleagues what a that chess is a sea in which a good critic he was. Who is gnat may drink and an elephant there balf as readable and remay bathe. All gnats and elephants cannot fail to find ceptive writing regularly in the this the most fascinating of As a Booker man I read more maritime guidebooks. Open it

The lovely recent Bonnard Carroll fanatic), but thoroughly show came no closer to us than enjoyed as a piece of brilliant the Pompidou Centre in Paris, creative pastiche, deft, witty, but at least Sasha Newman's and almost creepily engaging, In discursive, absorbing, sump several senses. The pictures by tuous and, which is most to the Jenny Thorne (Tenniel lookapoint, fully illustrated catalogue likes) are, to my mind, just crossed the Channel in midright The Ford of Heaven by Brian summer (Thames & Hudson: £25.00 hardback in the English Power (Peter Oven £10.50), a version). With a full colour memoir of childhood and plate and a double page to each adolescence in Tientsin in the entry, It is so very much more 1920s and 1930s, when the than a mere practical acuvenir foreign colonies had their

and aide memoire. And so it is strange bermetic life and with an exhibition rather nearer perhaps only a colld could," to band, the definitive and quite through servants and affection. magnificent study of George penetrate a little the world of Stubbs now showing at the Tate, China: beautifully written, a of which Judy Egerton's catasimply told story of boyhood logue, as rich and accurate and with a complex substratum of generous in colour as it is in feeling, memory, suffering and detail, must be almost the reserve; a masterpiece of publishing hargain of the yaar (The Tate Gallery with United auggestive compression.

at the show, then £12; hard- • A book which I immensely back £18.) enjoyed was the blography of WILLIAM PACKER the Archduke Franz Ferdinand

Technologies: paperback-£9.50

and his wife Sophie, usually true belief in Christianity, it The heyday of the critical remembered for being the essay may be over but my Book target of an assassin's bullet in of the Year is the late Sir Wil-liam Empson's Using Biography June 1914, but brought back admirably to life by Gordon Brook-Shenherd in Victims of (Chatto & Windus, £12.95), a collection of his revised essays Sarajevo (Harvill Press, £10.95). on Marvell, Dryden, Fielding, Yeats, Joyce and Eliot. They His account is written with good sense and sympathy and withare all defiantly based on the out genuffection. So far away bold bypothesis that to read ia and yet so near at hand is the to grasp the author's intentiontantalising nast that the author whatever silly theorists may say was helped in his researches by -and Empsoo proves that biotwo of tha children of the grapby can be more exciting than a novel. More fictional, marriage.

The Archduke emerges as too, and 1 don't suppose there brave, forthright, and foreis anything safe about recomsighted, and his marriage to the mending a book so deeply sweet tempered countess was eccentric and so bone-achingly obviously made in beaven. though only recognised morgan-Empson was the one man of atically at the archaic Hapsburg genius in English studies in our COUT times, and wheo ha died last April be had published no books

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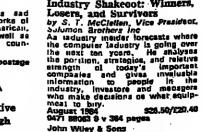
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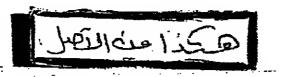
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Pressures on farming

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EUROPEAN agriculture's most profigate year has also been its most traumatic. Next year pro-mises more of both. This week the European Com-figurity's foreign ministers were

preparing to agree a formula to apply a financial tornequet to Remove aging Common Agricul-tunal Policy spending. But the measure amounted only to a match-up, not surgery. Moreover, the disease of un-

saleable surpluses has barely been treated, let alone cured. If radical action is not rapidly applied to contain the bills, either the new regulations will be ignored or the CAP will fall apart in a welter of national measures aimed at filling the gap the Community can no

longer financially support. Alle dramatic choices that fece the EEC and the vigorous period of belt-tightening threatening farmers is largely not the fault of the CAP managers in the European Commission, but of its political masters on the farm ministers' council.

-For years they have ignored the Cassandra-like warnings of the Commission, preferring to operate as crisis managers rather than agents of reform. The consequences were reaped this year in widescale. demonstrations and civil disorders leaving more than one minister temporarily trapped by mobs.

... But the chances are that the forthcoming price-fixing in March will once again dodge the principal issues.

"budgetary discipline" The agreement accepted. in .outline that month means that this may even its own collective deci-be the last opportunity to set sions.



prices free of a financial ceiling on farm spending, imposed

as a percentage of total Com-munity resources. And though the deal is riddled with loop-holes, the principle that the farm hudget should rise at a level less than the increase in Community's revenues the remains intact.

The deal, however, means that the proportion of the total budget spent on agriculture in 1984-85 and 1985-86 will become a permanent fixture. Conservative estimates put this year's total a Ecu 18.3bn, or Ecu 1.8bn over hudget.

Next year's estimates vary hetween Ecu 19bn and just under Ecu 20bn. The fact that spending in two years has breached the limit on Community income and, therefore, involves emergency support ald from national exchequers, casts doubts on the Community's ability to obey

But if the headline figures are roughly agreed, the means restraining farm spending within the limits is not. Fur-thermore, the nature of the CAP's mechanisms export subsidies, minimum price agree-ments etc-are open ended and limitless. Factors outside the farm

ministers' control, such as a slump in the value of the dollar, the world agricultural currency and thus the determinant of EEC export subsidy costs, could send expenditure through the roof

The hudget discipline rules have taped down the financial safety valve on the CAP boiler while the flames of expenditure are hurning beneath more vigorously than ever.

Farmers tempted to argue that this is a problem for the economists were forced to think again last March, when the farm ministers took first hesitant bave been agreed by the Com-mission and the desk of M sleps on the path to reform.

general, is piled with dossiers The first and most fundamental point the March meeton alleged rule-breaking. ing established was the EEC "We are like policemen try-ing to enforce the speed limits." agreement that no longer would farmers enjoy open-ended support regardless of whether or not a market for their surplus produce existed.

Last, and perhaps least con-vincingly, it accepted that vigorous price control would he the second line of defence against splralling cost. But the most visible not to

way." Nevertheless, the problem of Secondly, it defined guarao-tee thresholds, or ceilings, as the Commission's credihility has the main weapon of reform, ooce again been raised. If mllk production has been incarceraled ov the farm ministers' new realism, cereals are under a suspended sentence. Guarantee thresholds are in

vear.)

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place and will trigger a 5 per say painful demonstration of cent price reduction after this these moves came in agreeing year's record 148m ionne

duction aimed at cutting Com-The problem is that this figure munity production by 7 per is purely notional, as ministers cent. (Even then the regime ultimately fix the price. Brussels observers are convinced will cost about Ecu 3.4bn this

the "superlevy" on milk pro- harvest.

Villain, the director-

that the West Germans will not Member states have been allow a cut of more than 2 or 3 wriggling to get off their self-made book of the superlevy. per cent, leaving the incentive for farmers to over-produce Seven-months after its introducstronger than ever. tion, not a penny has yet heen Agricultural economists bepaid, three delays to payments lieve that even a politically un-

acceptable 20 per cent price cut would rein in only 8 per cent of production. In spite of some effective Commission measures, like delays to payments for stocks sold to Community stores, something eventually will have

says a Commission official to he done. responsible for the scheme. Already the first whispers of " You have got to give some leeproduction restraints on cereals dismissed as unthinkable for milk only four years ago-are

being heard in Brussels' corridors. Another alarming development for farmers and hudgetmakers is the growth in the costs of Mediterraneao products, an area certain to expand more rapidly when Spain and Portu-

is regime, for example. expected to cost some Ecu 650m this year, 12 times the cost of six years ago. Olive oil support has gone up fivefold in the same period.

But the most urgent sector ls wine, where a 2bn litre a year surplus is costing the EEC up to Ecul.2bn in support Applying the new guarantee threshold principles, the Commission has proposed compulsory distilla-tion of the surplus, But Italy has steadfastly refused to accept this.

Italy's objections centre on fears that its reasonable quality table wine will he penalised to support poor French produce. However. Paris would like to protect its wine with national quotas, a reflection of the grow-ing Freoch interest in "renationallsing" CAP problems where this is an advantage.

It is this tendency to uni-lateral action hy member states that is preoccupying the Commission, especially as last month France sought to by-pass the Brussels executive by seeking cal join the Community. unanimous ministerial support The fruit and vegetable for a FFr 400m programme of

oational aid for heef producers The first and most flagrant step down this path came from the usually community-minded Germans. Dr Gerhard Stoltenberg, finance minister, forced through an exclusive 5 per cent price rise for his farmers, costing his exchequer DM 3bn, at the Fontainebleau summit in

June. The political tightrope the Commission must wolk involves forcing through reforms without further breaches. The greatest problem may not be far off when the next EMS currency realignment takes place, As a result of agri-monetary changes agreed in March, any revaluation of the D-Mark against other EEC currencies

will involve increased payments In national currencies to all but German farmers - something Bonn may fied hard to swallow, These are all, though nightmarisb in their implications, the short term problems for the Community-farmer, consumer and taxpayer alike. In a longer terol perspective, the traumas set to rage over the coming few years must, somehow he re-

If this means a further shakeout in agricultural employment before declining farm incomes are restored, budgetary pres aure will dictate it. Grander scale reforms restricting, for example, some payments to smaller producers alone may

also be necessary. A greater emphasis on structural planning is thought to be essential.

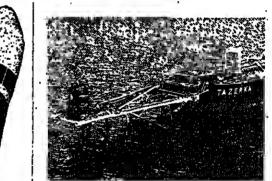
As one commentator noted "No treasury in Europe is look ing to fork out more for farmer: when they account for only per cent of the workforce."

Thai may, on past form, prove premature as the farm lobb demonstrates an impressivel: disproportionate measure o political muscle.

But as Mr Graham Avery, : Commission farm financ expert, wrote in a Chathao House paper: "It is n exaggeration to say that th word 'reform' has becom acceptable to policy maker and ministers of agriculture whereas its use was previous reserved to hostile critics of th CAP.

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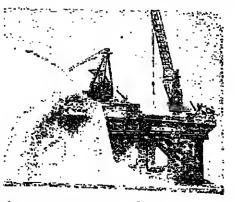
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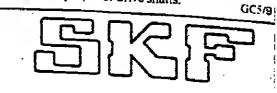
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Newcomers will stir up expensive brew

STERRING Portuguese interests into the Common Agricultural Policy broth will be like adding a jug of Sangria : Lots of wine, plenty of fruit and vegetables and a inct after taste of olive oil.

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It will be also a great deal more expensive. According to a 1983 study, Portuguese entry may have a marginally positive effect on agricultural spending. But Spain would add Ecu 1.12bn to the farm bill when transition arrangements are completed.

Today, those figures are certain to be revised upwards, adding to the anxiety that "southern" agricultural products have recently provoked.

That is not to say that these costs will be incurred by the CAP immediately. The gruelling negotiations that have dragged on between Spain and the EEC throughout the year will define the exact terms farmers in the Community and the candidate countries must endure if accession is to go shead as planned on January 1, 1986.

The process of reaching a consensus among the member States means the final offer will be tough. And as foreign ministers this week again struggied throogh the agenda in Brussels, it was clear that Spanish tolerance would be stretched to the limit.

EEC expenditure on Mediterranean products has been apparent since the late 1970s. Increased spending on wine, olive oil, processed and fresh fruit and vegetables and other Mediterranean produce took the share of EEC farm spending on this sector from 8.9 per cent in rigorous-and It has agreed to 1978 to more than 25 per cent keep them intact until reform in 1983.

Italy, once a net contributor agreed. to the EEC's farm budget, is already the CAP's biggest beneficiary. Half way through 1984, Rome was taking about 24 per cent of the Community's monthly allocations for farm spending, although part of this increase is due to growing tion could be lifted by as much expenditure on subsidies for as 40 per cent. "northern products."

Northern member states' enough for tough measures fears are shared by the Euro-pean Commission. As Mr Peter rules. But the internal nego-Pooley, the Commission's tlations of the Community are deputy director-general for deadlocked over a wrangle agriculture, said: "The danger, hetween France and Italy on In times of budgetary discipline, how restrictions should be the Common Agricultural introduced. Policy being bust wide open

SPANISH and comes from south of the Alps sector, both for Spain and the interests into the and the Pyrenecs." EEC, is fruit and vegetables. gricultural Policy Wine along will cost more Here Spain has its most obvious than £600m in 1984 and the cost

The Community does not have an olive oll surplus, though the regime will any-way cost £388m this year. Europcan Commission figures show that the EEC of 10 states was, on average 96 per cent selfsufficient in olive oil between 1975 and 1981. Over the same period, an EEC of 12 would have had a relatively smalt surplus of 7 per cent of produc-

If Spain joined under exist- by a gradual winding down. ing Community rules, the relativey low price of competing oils would dramatically reduce Spanish consumption of olive oil, and the surplus would rise. Meanwhile, high EEC support prices for farmers would increase Spanish production.

Enlargement JONATHAN BRAUDE

In the wine sector, the EEC

is awash with a 30 per cent The trend towards higher often undrinkable table wines. The cost of this surplus is expected to soar once, or if, Spanish producers enjoy the same support now granted to wine growers io the Ten. Spain's restrictions on new plantings, irrigation and other yield-enbancing measures are rigorous-and It has agreed to

of the Community rules is the other. But even at today's production levels, some estimates suggest that Spanish Community membership could boost EEC

table wine output by as much as 25 percentage points. With a little coaxing Spanish produc-This threat provides motive be put back.

Perhaps the most crucial opportunity.

competitive advantage aod the is still rising. Tobacco support greatest moral arguments for will cost about £470m this year. freer access. freer access.

In spite of heavy tariff restrictions, and a spiteful increase in the levies last spring, the Spanish already command a substantial portion of the Community market. In citrus fruit, the most

important sector, Spain provides about 40 per cent of Community demand. Yet the Community has insisted that restrictions should remain in force for four years after accession followed

Spain has argued, with muted support from some member states, that this is punitive, adding that free access should be allowed more quickly for citrus. But France, determined to shore up and reform its less efficient fruit and vegetable producers, believes all products should face a 10-year transition.

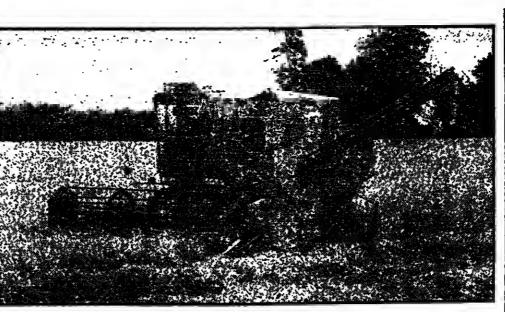
should face a 10-year transition. EEC CEREAL farmers have Conversely, the Community made dramatic strides in pro-appears determined that sales duction in recent years, and of milk, cereals and meat into could soon he faced with Spain's traditionally heavily problems of disposal all too restricted market should be smoothly phased in from the common in the milk sector and elsewhere. The impendiog problem has been illustrated outset, with a "surveillance committee" to reintroduce prowith great clarity by this year's tective measures if domestic record harvest all over the

Community. Although the area devoted to producers arc damaged. This unequal treatment is provocative to Spain-but political pressures for an agreegrain bas remained static at around 28m hectares, yields have increased substantially ment may force it to accept. over 20 years. From being a net In the longer term, the importer until the early 1960s, the EEC now has a sizable Iberian countries can hope only that the bogged down talks on exportable surplus, particularly Integrated Mediterranean Proof wheat, and will have to pay substantial storage and disposal grammes aimed at comprehensive structural aids to depressed costs in the future. regions will give with one hand

Production of grains was 76m what has been taken away with tonnes in 1960-64: 107m tonnes in 1970-73 and 121m tonnes in Once inside the Community, 1983. The 1984 harvest crop is estimated at up to 148m tonnes and there are now projections Madrid may also bope that its main rivals and competitors in the talks-Italy, Greece and to that by 1989 output will be some extent France-will be-155m tonnes.

come allies in the battle for This may be a slightly optibenefits against the north. mistic forecast, as the jump to the 1984 figure was undobtedly But the talks are barely begun, and it may be that the partiy cansed by seasonal January 1. 1986 accession will factors. The previous highest figure was 130m tonnes in 1982. For the Community as a But the underlying trend is whole, agonising over the imquite clear. pact of enlargement on the

This output surge. far higher already strained farm sector than anything seen elsewbere in can be harnessed as a motive the world, was effected by guaranteeing farmers price levels at least 30 per cent higher force for thorougnoons to be seen levels at least 30 per cent interest It remains to be seen levels at least 30 per cent interest whether they will take the than those on world markets over most of the period. These force for thoroughgoing reform.



Soaring output raises prospect of glut

Cereals

guarantees-they

JOHN CHERRINGTON

were until recently quite un-limited-stimulated high input,

high-cost husbandry systems. These seemed to sult the climate

of Western Europe including the British Isles, falsifying the belief that grain was for the North American prairies and

These systems have particu-lariy suited wheat and the plant

breeders have assisted by supplying varieties which out-

other extensive areas.

Disposal

open-ended

government interests Britain on the other hand bas only come late into the grain export game. Until recently there were few export facilities. and the trade appears to be dominated by the major international shippers.

In any case, the international wheat market is just over 100m tonnes, of which the EEC bas about 14m tonnes. The Com-munity has vowed to limit itself to this share under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, although it has also made clear that it will not feel bound by this commitment if it can export more without paying export subsidies.

There seems to be little opportunity to enlarge the world wheat market, and it is doubtful if the level would be sustained if the Soviet Union could get its farming right, which is bound to bappen one Some 25 per cent of all day. world grain exports go there.

The UK surplus wheat is mainly of the feed varieties, Competition for exports is from U.S. maize, which looks like being in substantial surplus now that the "Payment in kind" programme has come to an end. In dollar terms, maize is cheaper than EEC soft wheat, yield aoy available a quarter of and this is certain to inhibit exa century ago. So much so that ports of feed wheat varieties total EEC wheat output in 1984 unless export restitutions can be at 70m tonnes exceeds that of raised. the U.S. for the first time. The

The prospects for increased consumption within the Community are slight. Any trim-Unfortunately, disposal has not kepi pace with production in anything like the same degree. Last year's crop was quota. Nevertheless, produc

Another mountain looms over the Community

MANAGING the EEC's Common Agricultural Policy must be an exasperating business, a bit like trying to squeeze a resilient balloon: tha moment you dent il ln ona place, it expands in another.

So it is with milk and beef. No sooner did the Community think it was getting a grip on its runaway milk production then beef output started to race out of control.

The reason is apparently simple: EEC quoias on milk coupled with a variety of aid schemes in different member states to encourage dairy farmers to cut their milking herds, have caused a wave o cow slaughtering and a flood of beef on to the market. But the explanation goes

deeper. Even without milk quotas, beef production would be on a rising trend this year and next, reflecting a cyclical upturn in cattle numbers.

Britain's Meat and Livestock Commission estimates that an extra 500.000 to 600.000 cows could be slaughtered in the EEC by the end of 1985 because of the dairy cuts-not to mention all the dairy heifers who will not now be allowed to proceed to cowhood Combined with the increasing

production of so-called " clcan" or con-dairy beef, that points to a 5 per cent increase in beef and veal output in the Community this year to a record 7.26m tonnes and a further 1 per cent rise in 1985, says tho MLC.

As a result, market prices have been tumbling and the EEC's intervention stocks of beef have risen precipitously this year. The beef mountain is

the Community's latest big headache, competing for space with the 1.2m-tonne butter mountain and huge and growing stocks of cereals.

At the end of October. stocks totalled 547,000 tonnes, some 50 per cent more than a year earlier. It had already outgrown the Community's cold stores. The effect of the increased supply is acute because it is concentrated in a few key countries - generally those where milk quotas bave bit hardest or those where most of the beef comes from dairy herds. In West Germany for example. beef production is expected to

rise at least 7 per cent this year, while the increase is likely lo he 9 per cent in the Nether-lar is and 10 per cent in the UK

In spite of bowls of ang

Payments

War II. · Export markets may become less receptive as economic recovery faiters or declining oil revenues in countries like Soudi Arabia work their way through

to lower living standards. - The Sovict Union, another key player in the world market, may reduce its meat imports owing to increased domestic produc-tion, according to the General from livestock producers in Tariffs and Agreement on several member-states. Commu-Trade. nity support for the sector has remained limited - for the O Consumption within the Commuolty is likely to suffer from same financial reasons as those slow economic growth. Beef is afflicting other sectors of the vulnerable because it is relatively expensive; it has been Nor is there any sign of an losing market share to cheaper increase in official support next white meats such as pork and year. Indeed, the special assistpoultry for some years. ance granted to UK producers The European Commission has forecast a 3.7 per cent has been reduced in scope and may be cut further. Britisb farmers fear that variable preincrease in consumption this mium payments they receive to .year - but that it is largely because of the drop in prices make up returns from selling steer beef - cut th 8.75p per caused by milk quotas. The kilogram earlier this year long-term trend is down: between 1979 and 1983, conmay disappear in the forthcomsumption within the Community ing farm price-fixing negotiadropped from 26 kg to 24 kg In France the Government a head.



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Beef ANDREW GOWERS

being saved from the wors consequences of the surplus by developments outside the Community. Exports of beef to other countries are expected to rise about 16 per cent this year to at least 700,000 tonnes.

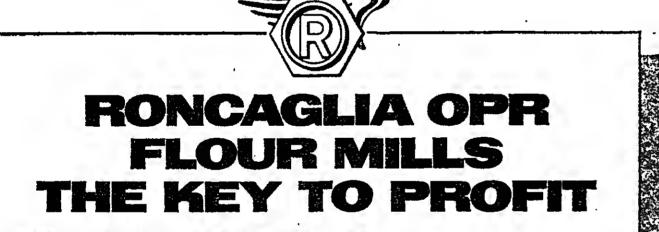
This is not a reflection of buoyant demand on the the world market. Rather it indicates that there is not much competition. The MLC expects increased

EEC output this year to be partly offset by stagnant production and exports elsewhere. The world total will probably reach world total will probably reach 35.9m tonnes, compared with last year's 35.5m. Output is depressed in Australia, New Zcaland and the U.S., largely for cyclical reasons, while Argentina cannot ship as much beef as it would like to owing to low prices and a tax on exports.

Consumption

This happy state of affairs will not last for ever. Awareness of this means disturbing questions are now being asked about the longer-term outlook. The prospects for the EEC do

not look rosy: · A cyclical recovery in production is under way in the U.S., Canada, Australia add New Zealand, although the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development does not expect it to be as vigorous as others since World



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cleared with the help of exports of about 14m tonnes, mainly of wheat, But this was only with the ald of substantial restitu- the intervention price as productions or export subsidies to make the grain competitive with world prices denomioated in U.S. dollars.

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hopes that the strength of the dollar in relation to European currencles would make it possible for wheat to be exported without these subsidies. For six weeks none were awarded and there were few exports. Barley exports from the Community have been carrying a subsidy all the time. Export subsidies for wheat

were reintroduced on Novemher 9 and there has been a flurry of activity since, but mainly from France. The UK, which has gathered the higgest harvest ever of 26m tonnes. could be left with a surplus of more than 5m tonnes, which would include 4m of wheat. to nuotas to the principle of which be placed in Intervention price. the It will probably weigh down on the market for 1985/6.

The French have the advantage of a long experience of Community battlefield in the wheat exporting greatly assisted straggla to cut the costs of the and guided by both producer Common Agricultural Policy.

tion is almost certain to continue its rising trend. The EEC has a mechanism of reducing tion goes beyond accepted limits. Already this year there is ex-CAP.

pected to be a fall in price This year there have been under this formula of about 5 per cent. which could be offset by any price rise agreed next Spring

The theory behind reducing prices is that farmers would gradually be induced to produce less. But this could be wishful thinking: many think that price reductions simply stimulate higher output.

There is evidence for this in recent UK experience. Over Lions the last five years the real exfarm price of wheat has fallen hy 24 per cent while output bas gone uo hy 48 per cent and real revenue hy 10 oer cent.

The alternative would be acreage controls or production UK Government adamantly opposed. But so they were to milk quotas.

Cereals look to be the next

has come under strong pressure The increasing artention to from beef producers to give healthy eating and the dangers national aid — although EEC of animal fat, particularly in agriculture ministers vetoed Britain, will lotensify this drift. agriculture ministers vetoed France's request that it be Surveying all these develop-

allowed to grant them FFr 400m ments, Agra-Europe, the agritwo weeks ago. In the meantime, the Comcultural information service. reached the gloomy conclusion that the EEC beef market was munity appears to be olinging to the hope that the over-supply from culling of dairy in a atate of "increasingly cows will be a temporary bulge chronic surplus."

rather than a more lasting glut. Could this be the CAP prob-This year EEC producers are lem for the end of the 1980s?

An uneasy peace among the flocks

surplus.

to 1990 if the regime remains in its present form-while con-

sumption will only increase by

0.5 per cent a year. This means

AN UNEASY entente cordiale has descended on the EEC's lamb trade, following a summer in which long-standing Anglo-French tensions bubbled to the surface agaio. As demonstrated in August,

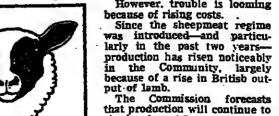
the Community's sheepmeat regime, four years old in October, remains a significant farmpolicy flashpoiot. But although it is supposed to be a transilional measure and is the subject of constant carping from various quarters within the EEC. including the European Commission, the policy seems as entrenched as ever.

The summer dispute. which France summarily started

bigh doses of the pesicide Lin-dane, turned out to be a slorm in a sbeep dip. But it aroused old and deep suspicions, and bore some of the hallmarks of damaging farm trade rows between the two countries in the past. Britain immediately leapt to the conclusion that France was using anti-posticide regulations to mask

response showed how strongly it exporter of sbeepmeat, is the will resist any attempt to introduce fundamental changes to the regime that may occur during the next round of farm pricefixing negotiations starting in January.

In essence, the regime, which



Sheep

has expanded by 14 per cent since 1979, and mutton and lamb was cobbled together in 1980 production will reach a record 303.000 tonnes this year. after the infamous Anglo-French tamb war, is a trade-off between the only two important tamb producers in the Comregime has more than doubled since 1981, and looks set to munity: it trades Britain's desire to support the incomes of Britain's rise further, at a time of supposed spending restraint by the Community (although at must be pointed out that its sheep-farmers and maintain domestic supplies of cheap lamb against France's wish to proexpanditure on sheepmeat only accounts for a tiny proportion of the EEC farm budget]. tcct its own, bigher-priced market from a flood of cheap

protectionist motives. Britisb produce. Although both sldes sub-Britain, by far the largest pro-sequently backed off. Britain's ducer. consumer, importer and A scathing report on the regime issued by the EEC Court of Auditors in July explained wby. Essentially, it said, the focal point, and reaps more than 90 per cent of the money spent existing arrangements had under the regime. But it is not insulated the widely different self-sufficient, and uses sub-stantial reduced tariff supplies from each other, ao that prices from New Zealand to fill its had diverged still further than demand. at the start. This mount that

However, trouble is looming British prodocers needed ever larger payments to bring their income up to the level guaran-

teed by the Community. "The Community budget is ohilged to bear a heavy charge to support this system, and the available evidence suggests that this charge will continue to increase in future years," the report said, hefore concluding rise by about 1.2 per cent a year damningly that the regime was not casy to reconcile with the principles of sound financial management."

increasing self-sufficiency, not a The Court's apparent answer to the problem was to blame Imports - although New Zea-According to the UK's Meat and Livestock Commission, the British breeding flock of ewes land always ships considerably less than its quota of 245,000 toanes to the Community.

The Commission did prop cost-cutting measures earlier this year. Meanwhile the cost of the

One, an alteration to the seasooal pattern of payments to producers, was adopted-some-what to the chagrin of British sheep farmers. The other, a plan to put a ceiling on the so-called "variable premium" payments which made up the vast bulk of the money spent under the regime, was firmly squashed by the British Government.

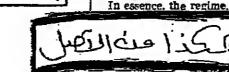
Whitehall officials emphasise that they are not alone in advocating the retention of the variable premium as it is; the French, too, have a consider-British and French markets able interest.

With a balance of power-like that, there seems little prospect

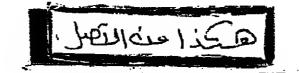
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Milk turns sour for farmers and feeders

FOR THE EEC's milk producers, 1984 will be remembered as the year that changed the ground rules. After years of expanding production far in excess of demand, they were told the party had to stop.

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The shock which quota restrictions on outpot caused for dairy farmers in several Com-munity countries can scarcely be overstated, and it will contime to be felt for quite some time. The effect on manufacturers of animal feeds, milk-ing machinery and other equipment also has been severe, and in some cases catastrophic.

The dairy problem was not new. Milk production had been in considerable surplus since before the entry of Britain, Ireland and Denmark into the Community. For several years intervention buying and sub-sidised disposal of dairy products have been gobhling up most of the Community's in-

creasing farm budget. The EEC tried schemes through the 1970s and early 1980s to restrain growth in production. These included payments to alaughter dairy cows; imposition of "co-responsibility levies" under which farmers contributed towards the disposal of surpluses; and "guaran-tee thresholds" which would the thresholds" which would The rest is history. After doubtful whether Britain will trigger price cuts if a certain negotiations that were difficult come up to its quota for the level of production was exceeded.

None succeeded in stemming the inexorable rise of butter skimmed-milk powder and mountains, while demand for milk production and charge dairy products was stagnant or in decline. farmers of With open-ended purchasing this quota.

by the authorities, prices were still sufficiently attractive to five years, with a further 1 per encourage farmers to expand

production. By last year, EEC stocks of skimmed-milk powder exceeded scepticism after previous failed Im tonnes, and butter was mov- reforms, it was clear that EEC inc towards that level (they now total-about 12m tonnes). Dumping of these on the world market was causing growing especially to farmers, who had irritation to other dairy exporters such as the U.S. and New Zealand.

If nothing had been done to curb production, the European Commission was forecasting that EEC milk output would have reached 108m tonnes this year, about 28 per cent above estimated internal demand of 87m tonnes.

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September was 2.7 per ceut

below the same months of 1983.

That compares with a target reduction of 4.2 per cent for the whole marketing year.

come up to its quota for the year as a whole, which farmers

fear could have grave implica-

be allowed in 1985-86.

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Prodoction ceilings

By March, production may

Dairying

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come closer to target as farmers in key countries like Fran reduce the size of their herds But it was the threatened bank-Reaction has been m ruptcy of the Community in severe in Britain, whi emerged among the worst of from the quota negotiation 1983 which provided the spur to action. But the question remained whether to restrain largely because its milk prod production with physical limits or through substantial reduction expanded at a furious ra

tions in the price. As early as July last year the Commission concluded that a big enough price cut was not possible. Even if it were, its effect on production would not be sufficiently immediate to avert the financial crunch.

Sceptical

even by the standards of EEC farm price talks, and amid political storms in several states, members egreed to set a ceiling of 99.5m tonnes on punitive "superlevies" on farmers or dairies exceeding

The arrangement was to last cent cut in production planned for next year. Suddenly, in spite of the

governmeots meant business in reining in farm spending. That came as a revelationlar strength. most. Until the last moment, many in the industry bad been expecting tough action on cattle-cake. prices or, at worst, a deferred

quota arrangement in 1985. It was almost inconceivable to most farmers that they should be asked abruptly to alter all established practice in a business which does not res-

pond well to sudden change. Predictably, the response bas been varied, reflecting in part that different states were told to cut output by differing But growth in production has in most cases been checked. Overall, according to Commis-sion figures, EEC milk output

Farmers protest in London about quota restrictions

EEC Dairy Output

	ers in key countries like France reduce the size of their herds. Reaction has been most	Percentage cha	nge between Apr Milk	11-September 1 Butter	1983 and 1984 Target for Year
	severe in Britain, which	Belgium	-2.0	- 7.5	- 4.0
	emerged among the worst off	Denmark	-5.8	24.8	- 6.6
	from the quota negotiations, largely because its milk produc-	W. Germany	-4.2	- 9.9	- 7.8
	tion expanded at a furious rate	France	+0.1	~ 3,2	- 2.5
	in the past few years. Such was British dairy	Greece	+0.7	+28.0	+10.0
I	farmers' surprise at the quotas,	Ireland	+4.6*	+ 7.3	+ 1.7
	they panicked and drastically	Italy	+1.1	+ 1.8	- 2.6
	cut output in April and May. Then drought in the West	Luxembourg	+5.6	+ 3.9	+ 3.7
	country kept production low	Netherlands	-4.5	-15.3	- 6.8
	through the summer months.	UK	-8.9	-18.4	- 6.5
	Overall, outpot in the UK has plunged about 9 per cent below	Total EEC	-2.7	- 8.0	- 4.2
	its 1983 level since April. It is	* April to June	,		

Source: Europeen Commission

ally stopped dead in April, farmers to expand, and tions for the amount they will according to industry execu-

have tives overnight the Efficient dairy farmers with business of running a dairy sound finances can make a reasonable liviog under quotas. Those who have hit trouble in farm. No longer can dairymeu -caught, like most farmers, in Britain have rashly expanded a pincer movement hetween rising real costs and falling or in recent years with generous hut expensive hank loans. Or stagnant real prices-maiotain returns by hoosting output. Instead, new skills of managethey are small, relatively inefficient producers. Several governments have set

ment are required in an up schemes channelling special industry where exact manageaid to small farmers, eocouragment has never been a particur strength. With production constant, quit milk production. In Britain, the hope is that largely staod or fall on the "goldeo handshakes" will free success of milk quotas. their only optioo is to seek to reduce costs, either by culling cows or feeding animals less quotas for larger producers to

Either way, it means less The implementation of quotas business for animal feed manu- Is fraught with problems. There facturers-who in Britain have are rigidities built into the seen a drop of 10 per cent or system: for example, quotas more in their market—aod for cannot he traded separately The UK, conscious of the tionalises production at a level makers of milking machinery, because they are attached to agony of adjustment its farmers more than 10 per cent above That market, which has seen a land and not producers. It is are going through, is adamant demand, there is little hope for bonanza in recent years, virtu- difficult for efficient, least-cost that it will not pay superlevy if any reform.

efficient producers may he locked in. There is talk of changing these anomalies, or at least of introducing more flexibility. But these are technicalities.

The big question is political: will governments be able to carry the measures through in the face of protests at home? This is of crucial importance not just for the mllk regime but for the Community's entire efforts at reform of the Common Agricultural Policy. Plaus to cut

cereal production, for example,

Backslides

It needs only one weak pillar the system, to hring the entire edifice tumbling. The UK, conscious of the

Quotas: a fight to enforce law

ALTHOUGH basically a simple idea, the milk quota system had taken on a characteristically Byzantine complexity by the time it had been batted hack and forth between EEC ministers.

In implementing ۱t. members states were offered national production totals, or "reference quantities," and a series of choices. They could apply quotas to each pro-ducer, or fix the quota for purchasers of milk --- such as the UK Milk Marketing Board's. They could also choose between basing the quotas on 1981 production plus 1 per cent, or 1983 production minus an appropriate

amount. Most have chosen the latter path, because of the fast ex-pansion of dairy industries in recent years.

The regulations also pro-vide for "special cases"----farmers whe can be allocated additional production within the national total because they had been planning to expand when quotas were imposed or because their output in the chosen base year was distorted by disaster or disease.

Smallholders

So complex are the rules that most member states are nowhere near completing the administrative arrangements to carry them out. Where they are reasonably well advanced, a number bave tried stratagems which the European Commission suspects are designed to soften the blow of quotas or enable their farmers to sell more milk.

The four suspects identified are:

• Italy, which bas acted very slowly. All it has done is announce a L120bu scheme to encourage farmers to re-duce milking herds by slanghtering or putting cows to other uses, such as beef

production. Rome says the quota system woold be impossible to administer among the country's thousands of smallholders, many in remote areas. The Government also says that as Italian milk production meets only 70 per cent of the country's needs, a quota system would penalise its development

However, Italy has said it is prepared to pay the superlevy ir the country as a whole exceeds its quota - rather than impose it on individual tarmers who over-produce. 'Ine European Commission and other states, including isritain, say this conflict with the principle of quotas, as it gives individual rarmers no incentive to reduce output When quotas were agreed

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earlier this year, Italy was given a year's grace to devise regulations.

Adjustment

 Denmark is believed to have transgressed by setting up a national dairy purchasing organisation which may conflict with the country's undertaking to apply quotas at dairy level. This organisation may enable Denmark to set up a "national quota" similar to that in England and Wales. The Commission suspects it is not bona fide, and merely exists on paper. • Ireland has also asked the Commission for a similar organisation. In addition Dublin is taking the Commis sion to court in pursuit of its claim for an adjustment of its

The Irish insist that the sbould be allowed to produce almost 60,000 tonnes more than was agreed in the quot

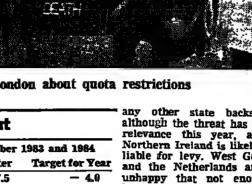
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negotictions. • France is being investi gated by the Commission to see whether 2 is seeking t offset below-quota output i one region with over-produc tion in another—a move whic would conflict with its obliga tion to apply quotas dairy b dairy.

The Commission believes i all these cases that goots must be enforced as the stand. It fears that if allows any deviation from th rules, bowever apparentl triffing, it could lead to their collapse. This explains wby has given short shrift to re quests from states for adjus

ments Britain, for example, wan a more flexible approach 1 prodocers delivering milk 1 dairies and consumers. Othe countries pressing request for minor changes includ France, Belgium, West Ge many and the Netherlands.

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any other state backslidesalthough the threat has limited relevance this year, as only ern Ireland is likely to be for levy. West Germany the Netherlands are also py that not enough is done to enforce the rules. rs that the tapestry was ning to unravel were last month when France

it could not collect its evy because it did not the administrative machia predictable Comy row, other ministers sed that collection of the for over-production in to September should be

ed until February for Tbe[.] Commission settled for a delay until December At the same time.

the Commission bas signalled its disquiet by opening legal proceedings against France, Italy, Denmark and Ireland for failing to obey quota regulations,

Italy bas caused concern because of the slowness with which it bas moved and because of a suggestion that the government will pay any levy for which its farmers are liable, Ireland is rocking the hoat by demanding a higher quota because of what it says was a mistake in calculating output last year.

The situation is precarious, and any or all of these developments could cause a major Community dispute next year. Fingers are crossed in Brussels that the glue will set firm on

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Overcrowded ranks set for thinning

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THE OVERCROWDED European agricultural equipment industry has managed to stag-ger through another difficult year but at last it looks as if restructuring is about to start.

This week International Harvester announced it was with-drawing from the farm equipment husiness and selling most of its assets in this sector to Tenneco, the parent company of

The impact of the deal on the two companies' European opera-tions is stil unclear. Tenneco is buying the 1H dealer network in the UK and its plant at Doncaster, so there is some possi-bility of rationalisation with Case's two plants at Huddersfield and Leigh and with its

dealer network. However, Tenneco bas not decided whether to take on IH's Frenchand West German plants, which produce tractors of more than 100 horsepower and engines. IH is a leading supplier in the French, German and UK markets, while Case (formerly David Brown) is strong only in

Britam. It jooks as if demand for agricultural machinery will he down about 10 per cent this year, with the worst declines in West Germany and Britain. No one is looking for much, if any, improvement next year,

Mr Dennis Schwieger, direcfor of marketing and planning with Massey-Ferguson, recently orecast that world tractor marcets would be flat in 1985 and probably for the rest of the lecade.

The main blow to the industry his year was the decision by he European Community to cut rereal prices and introduce iairy production quotas. Demand for tractors, which account for roughly threeparters of farm machinery ales, fell almost immediately n Britain and West Germany, Elsewhere in Europe, demand vas flat at best, as uncertainties wer the future of the Common Agricultural Policy continued o upset farmers.

stances, aome producers bave tried to maintain sales volumes by reducing prices, and so tha market has remained in disarray, as it has for four years or so. However, for all the discounting, there is little evidence of significant changes in

market shares. European markets contina to be highly fragmented. In tha U.S., the top three tractor producers account for about twothirds of the market: in Europe, the top three acount for only one-third. National suppliers are strong in most countries. For example, Renault is the market leader in France with nearly 20 per cent, while

Deutz has a similar share in West Germany Fiatagri of Italy cialms the leadership of the European market for the sixth consecu-tive year, with a 16 per cent share. But this is based mainly on a dominant 43 per cent share in Italy and a good position in the French market. Massey-Ferguson and International Harvester have significant

shares in many markets and fight for second place overall in Europe. Ford and Deere follow close hehind. Financially, the industry is in poor shape. Most producers

\$20m a year.

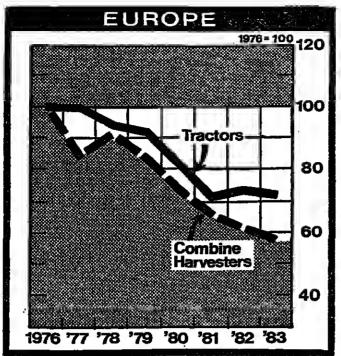
Collaboration

are part of larger organisations and do not publish financiai results for their farm equipment businesses, but the indi-cations are that they are either in loss or making marginal profits. Fiatagri appears to be an exception, baving made a trading profit of L14.4hn (£6.2m) in 1983 on sales of L1,730bn.

In the past eight years, demand for tractors in Europe has fallen by more than 40 per cent to an estimated 200,000 this ar. But little, if any, capacity has been taken out, Until this year, most of the restructuring the industry bad taken place in Britain and Scandinavia, and it mainly involved reductions in manpower and consolldation of production facilities.

Restructuring

III, for example, has closed its Bradford engine plant, consolidated operations at one plant in gricultural Policy continued Doncaster and reduced its work- which had been propping up oupset farmers. force from 6,500 to 2,000 since the operations of both Massey Inevitably in these circum- 1979. Massey has cut employ- and IH with loans and subsidies,



ment from 10,000 to 4,000 at its recognised that restructuring Coventry plant. Volvo of was unavoidable. In June, Sweden has sold its tractor busi- Massey announced the indefinite

ness to Valmet of Finland. closure of the Marquette plant, This year France has been which employed 1,400 and simultaneously negotiated a deal to have combined harthe main focus of restructuring. The French tractor industry bas vesters made by Dronningborg of Denmark. In September Massey confirmed that it would been in trouble for some time, mainly because of obstacles the producers faced in trying to not restart the Marquette plant. In August, the government agreed to help restructure IH reduce workforces as demand has declined. Until it was closed iast June, Massey's combine-harvester factory at Marquette, France's buge debts and let the company cut employment by about 350 at French plants. for example, was iosing abont When the Tenneco deal emerged, the agreement was never signed. It is not known Apart from the legal and political difficulties in making workers redundant, the comwhether the same offer will be panies also had to contend with available to Tenneco or whether the French Government's undercooperation deal with

standable desire to maintain as large an industry as possible. Renault will go ahead. The other significant move in France is the largest agricul-France this year was the purtural equipment market in chase by Fiat of Braud. Elsewbere, Massey is extract-Europe and yet last year it bad

a deficit on tractor trade of FFr 1.1bn (£97m). ing itself from its small equipment plant at Aprilia, Italy, which has been iosing about S5m a year

The real problem is the cost of restructuring. Many of the The government wanted to rebuild the industry around Renault, but its task has not been made easier by the lack smaller European producers might be willing to lesve the industry if someone would offer of enthusiasm of Renault's top management for the tractor business. In March IH and a reasonable price for their assets. But no potential buyer would be interested in acquir-Renault announced a proposed collaboration deal on coming additional capacity or in ponents and assembly. But it paying the costs of closing It. As if overcapacity and de-pressed markets were not enough problems for the intook another seven months to complete the negotiations and the resulting agreement commits the two only to studying dustry, the European Commission has begun an investigation ways of co-operating in purinto producers' marketing prac-tices. The investigation is chasing parts. Meanwhile, the government, tices. centred on Deere but is thought to involve other companies as well.

her p Rise in transatlantic tension

Trade IVO DAWNAY

THE roller-coaster of inter-

national trade relations was operating with more than usual lence at the Geneva offices of the Ganeral Agreement on Tariffs and Trade last month. Within 24 bours of the ink drying on a historic agreement to examine wide-ranging reform of farm trade, the EEC had won the reluctant agreement of its partners to drive a bulldozer through the minimum dairy price agreement with a 100,000 tonne sale of cheap butter to the Soviet Union. The bistoric nature of the

Gatt accord on farm products-the first in the trade pact's 30-year bistory---is more important to the diplomats than the traders

Talks on moves to eliminate xport subsidies, import restrictions and techniral barriers to trade will take at least threa years and promise to empty the world's agricultural closets of any number of skeletons. As one world-weary Galt official put it: "Nobody has taken on anything but a commit-

ment to elaborate alternative possibilities. There is no commitment to negotiate,

The need for a thoroughgoing negotiation is daily more pressing, however. This year has seen a marked rise in tensions between the EEC and that U.S.

These centre on:

• Perennial arguments about market distortions caused by export subsidies. The U.S. accuses the Community of un-

dermining prices, while the Community claims that "hid-den" U.S. aids and mixed credit packages are equally insidious

· Increased pressure on that world grain market through bumper crops on both sides of the Atlantic. The EEC bas warned that it may exceed the ilmit it imposed on itself of a 14 per cent market share, if exports can be made without subsidies.

· EEC action In Gatt against U.S. exports of maize gluten for animal feed, which it claims undermines domestic feed grain producers. · Recriminations between both

sides over threatened U.S. action against EEC wine exports. To this has been added the threat that EEC support to viticulture may be sucked into

the argument, owing to provisional budget for agricultural ment before 1988, sions in the Omnibus Trade support, at least 37 per cent Last, it strengthens the Com-Act passed by Congress. was carmarked for export aid, mission's arm in its internally. With less benevolent exchange In spite of the agreement in Gatt to examine the trade in rates, the figure could rise to a point where it becomes un-

farm products, there is every likelihood that these, and other tenable. as yet unseen frictions, will continue into the new year. The re-election of President

Nevertheless, as the founda-tions of the Common Agricul-tural Policy are based on mechanisms in conflict with the Reagan is being read in Brus-sels as spelling a further period Gatt principles—such as vari-able levies, voluntary restraint of pressure on U.S. farmers, In spite of much-publicised hankagreements, preferential access galas—why did the Community agree to go along with the Gatt examination on reform? ruptcies of a number of small agricultural savings banks in the Mid-west. Defensive

the Mid-west. Moch attention will be given to the President's 1985 Farm Trade Bill and its impact on world trada. And the serious-ness with which both sides see the situation is certain to be The answer M Clauda Villain, the EEC's Director of Agricul-ture, gives is simply a desire by the Community to liberalise the market. The real reason may be a little less innocent. First, the final text of the resolution, after M Villain's subtle persuasion, has included raised when a high-powered U.S. delegation, including the secretaries of state, agriculture, trade and commerce come to Brussels later this month.

In the meantime, the Com-munity has to prepare for further U.S. restraint on Its aids to farmers, and the inevitable increase in U.S. competition on world markets that would follow. tion

If this is combined with a significant fall in the value of the dollar—the international defensive. currency for agricultural trade -then the cost of Community export subsidies would have to rise markedly.

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directed efforts to pressure; member states and farmers to restrain CAP costs and survey

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It is this objective that the U.S. would like to see achieved. U.S. agriculture department officials admit that some recent officials admit that some recent mixed credit trade deals— notably the controversial 1985 wheat flour sale to Egypt and an Iraqi dairy contract exclud-ing buying from the EEC — have, in part, been aimed at driving the Community to the negotiating table. "If you have a limit on export enbridge this will enforce

subsidies this will enforce changes on the domestic front,", one official said. "A country which has the choice of adjusting its programme or paying a hell of a big bill will think care

futy." The U.S. is also aware, how-ever, that its trade surplus with the EEC in farm products, now believed to be almost Ecu 9ba, in exports against Ecu 9ba, subtle persuasion, has included discussion of U.S. mixed credits, producer sids and the controversial "waiver" allowing Washington special exemption from Gatt rules for certain products. This imports from the EEC, is a compelling reason for a compromise. broadens the argument and puts he U.S. to some extent on the to defuse further restrictions. . efensive. Secondly, agreement dilutes more vulnerable agricultural the U.S. to some extent on the

ignincant fall in the value of Secondly, agreement dilutes more vulnerable agricultural he dollar—the international the pressure on the EEC and exporters—Australia, New Zea-opens the way to other talks in ind, Brazil, Argentina and opens the way to other talks in ind, Brazil, Argentina and chien the cost of Community sport subsidies would have to ise markedly. Of the Ecu 16.5bn originally services without any obligation, Uocated to this year's provi-

EEC-U.S. TRADE 19-2be 10 Bn ECU 12-the 1983 EEC Exports mports total ECU535bn total ECU50-3bn * / J/// 11

John Cherrington gives a personal view of underlying conflicts

BAINGHBIRSH IT'S GREAT, BUT IT HAS ITS OBLIGATIONS.

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Pushover

French farmers are convinced that the Community was set up to do them down, and that the bureancracy is so inefficient that the rules—even if favourable— are not implemented as they should be. In many respects this anger is directed against their own government for having led them into the EEC. Many British farmers believed that Europe comprised a mass of small farmers with whom it would be easy to comwhen it would be easy to com-pete. This was hammered into them during the run-op to membership, and easy to believe when British farms were more efficient than smaller ones

across the Channel. Few British farmers had visited the farming areas of western Europe and had no idea that though many farms were small, productivity was as good as in Britain.

Consumer at home ate cheap protection has led to a fall in New Zealand lam, Settin coursed exports from France



Farmers linked by mutual mistrust

Politics

THE ONLY common attitude among different national farming groups in the EEC is a deep and abiding susplcion that the farmers of every other member country in the Community are Hence the Franco-British

lamb war, the turkey war, the Italian-French wine war and many other expressions of the physical rejection of the aims. ideals and rules of a common

The violence has died down but its causes fester. The Danes, efficient producers of quality pigs and poultry, are in despair because the German market they boped to invade is antomatically protected by tho consequences of currency distor-

lared a fair share of the German market. When the Community was being formed, they saw that cereal prices were bound to rise, so they set up imports of cereal substitutes-mainly tapioca-at iow prices and nut subject to import levies. This enabled them to undercut in almost every EEC market because the remainder relied on high-priced cereal-based feeds.

that all member governments but their own are on the side of farmers and will do their best to look after them in spite oest to look after them in spite of Community rules and deci-sions. This is mostly true, and for a very simple reason. Britain has the smallest farming sector of all member constries as a proportion of total popula-tion-only 2 per cent. It is doubtful whether the farming vote is of crucial importance in any parliamentary seat.

In France, the proportion in farming is about 10 per cent. But a proportion of the electorate not engaged in farming owns the land, boosting the farming interest vote to 25 par çeπt

sent to France to undercut local

supplies. This could have wiped out

French sbeep farming and turned whole areas into desert.

so the French farmers began to

interfere with shipments and

French Government imposed controls judged illegal in the

This problem has been settled but it is far from clear how long peace will last.

British farmers are convinced

European court.

In West Germany much farm ing is small-scale. Governments have fostered a system out of line with British style of the evolution into large holdings. German farming also opposes the competition rules of the community but has been sustained by currency differ-ences which have led to ievice

The French sheep market on imports proportionate to the looked a pushover. While the strength of the D-mark. This

intervention stores are filling.

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French winegrowers demonstrate against the entry of

Spain to the EEC

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the quotas already imposed harder to bear and will lesd to anger at the next ministerial meeting. These multilateral aggravaNOTIC

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tions are being augmented by the steady rise in surpluses and the arguments over who pays. The budget agreement indicates that nothing has been done to limit expenditure and to discipline overproducers, other than for milk. Even here it seems that some governments are intervening to make things easier for their own farmers.

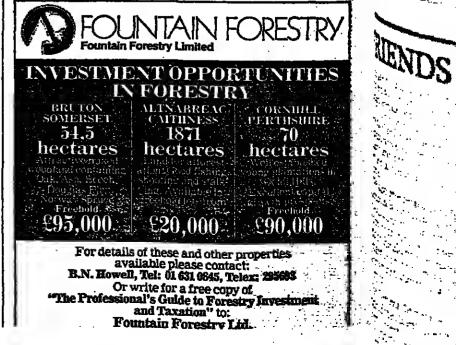
Quartelling

Farmers and the Minister of Agriculture in Britain are furious that the milk quotz misery is being softened by national help in certain countries. French cereal growers are also getting special help to export

The possibility of Spain join-ing the Community is becoming more unlikely because of the difficulty of imposing a Common Agricultural Policy over this seli to West Germany while welter of quarrelling nationat France would become a market

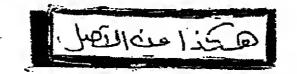
interests. for West German industry. But The CAP was designed to link European farming interests; instead it seems likely to blow bigh EEC prices so encouraged German grain farmers that there is a sizeable surplus there and them apart. The fault is not with farmers but with politi-cians, who embraced the con-Italy bas deficits in milk and cattle, importing both from France and Germany. But exports of wine and fruit are upsetting farmers in the porthern countries cept without contemplating how they would persuade their farmers to sacrifice their interests for the common good. As with most human activity

The Italian Government has ties, it seemed a good idea at the done nothing about imposing time. But you need more than good ideas to change farming milk quotas in line with more good ld northern countries. This makes nature.



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HOW TO SPEND IT

Other people's houses

BOOKS must be the all-time perfect present. For every age-group and every interest, for lovers of new novels or voracious consumers of detective stories, for those with hobbies or serious interests, for cooks or interior designers, there is a book somewhere that they long for. They relieve you of the worries of size or colour, they're easy to wrap and if the worst comes to the worst and you get it wrons, they can always be exchanged. This week we look at the newest offerings of books centred on the home-it's a rich and luscious crop full of mouth-watering ideas for everything from the smallest bedsitter to the grandest country house.

ENGLISH STYLE by Suzanne and illness. White comes calm Slesin and Stafford Cliff, published by Thames and Hudson, £16.95

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This for me is the book to choose above all the others. Its bold. White can be unaffected and relaxed and white can be studied and contrived. What glossy photographs capture that peculiarly English quality that most of us feel at home with. white never is, is dull. Whether it be the rich period interior of Bernard Nevill's countrified house in the middle of Chelsea, the cool stylishness of Priscilla Carluccio's terraced house in South London, the colours of rustic furniture? accumulated clutter of antique dealer Stephen Long's London house or the sheer prettiness of designer Tricia Guild's interiors. somehow all are recognisably English.

Defining what this is isn't benuing what this is isn't easy and in the foreword Ference Contan does his best. With this book, however, words are almost auperfluous-the lovely pictures tell the story. There spread before us. in all their individuality and

idiosyncrasy, is a myriad of real, lived-in interiors-kitchens and bathrooms, drawing-rooms and sitting-rooms, rooms as cosy as any Victorian parlour, others as up-to-date as any post-Modernist's dream.

Nobody could fail to look, through this without coming away with a million and one ideas of how to make his own particular home a little more personal, comfortable or stylish. And if you feel so inspired, there's a handy list at the back of the most likely places to go sources of antiques and fabrics, of lights and furniture, mirrors and picture-frames, wall and floor-coverings of the sort that make up those quintessen-tially English rooms.

WHITE BY DESIGN by Bo Niles, published by Thames and Hudson, £20.

A wonderfully stylish book this, a feast for the eye, but more for looking at, say I, than for real life. White, as this book reveals, is very, very heautiful. White also comes in many moods-white comes cool and clinical, speaking of hospital

bar wrappers, tennis racquets, just shrugged-off coats and the other clutter that fills my rooms, out of sight), those who live in hot climates (where they can apill over into the great out-doors), and Jean Mnir (whose impeccable eye has created beguiling all-white rooms in her London flat). For the rest of us, it seems to me, white is as beautiful as a dream and about as realistic

to live with and rather forbidding to our English eyes. and rustic or clean and high-tech, white is soft and pretty or But for sheer beauty and impact it has to be said it takes a lot it can be dramatic and very of beating.

THE HOUSESTYLE BOOK, published by Mitchell Bear-ley, £16.95. Chief contributing

Above all, it is the perfect choice when you're dithering-what other colour sets off to such perfection the green potted palm, the decoy duck, the curves of a rocking chair or the honey-Book whon it was first pub-lished about 10 years ago, will If you're wondering whether you could live with the kind of be aware that it is beginning demands that white is liable to to show signs of age. All those make, the answer would be to interiors that accemed so spot-on

at the time, now look what they which carpets they choose, were expressions of the moods what their taste is in pictures and tastes of the time. It was and in books. They appeal to time for an up-date—this is it, the voyeur in us all. The Through the main currents Englishwoman's House is such of taste Deyan Sudjie takes us a book.

look at the Scandinavians (whose iron discipline in matter of design seems to keep Mars through Decorators, Eclectic shown into the Duchess of and Individual Style, with Devonshire's private apartphotographs to bring the style ments and Lady Dlana Cooper's bedrooms, inlo Laura Ashlev's to lifo.

for almost every taste and stylish as the homes shown in mood. Finally, the garden and English Style or White by a section on the nitty-gritty— Design, but their charm is that things like lighting, flooring, thoy are above all personal. storage, fixtures and fittings. Each of the women featured The book for anybody who is moving house or about to embark on renovation. THE ENGLISH WOMAN'S

HOUSE, edited by Alvilde THE GOOD HOUSEREEPING Lees-Milne, with photographs BOOK OF THE HOME pabby Derry Moore, published by

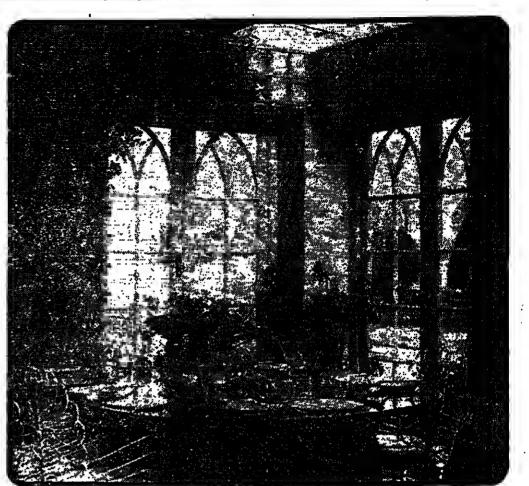
homes, into the sitting-rooms and bedrooms, we see how they cook and where they eat, whether they prefer plain living or grand, which curtains and

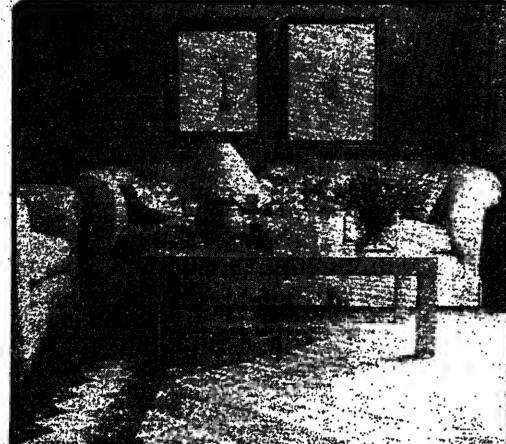
-from Country House to Hard Through its pages we see into Edge ("for perfectionisis"), the homes of 28 Englishwomen, from City Traditional (very nearly all rather grand and overblown this) to Post Modern, mostly rather rich. We are

From then on it is a look Welsh bome and Anne Scott-et all the rooms of the house James country cottage. in turn with a visual reference Few are as dashing or as writes about her home herself and the book offers a fascinating insight into the way the British upper-class really lives.

BOOK OF THE HOME pub-

Contins, £12.95. Less a visual feast, more a on interior design and decora-practical guide to finding your tion lies in their intimate own style and bringing it to glimoses of other people's Mitchell Beazley's The House graphs we are taken into their Book whon it was first pub high and anybody planning on moving house, doing up a whole house or even just a room, would find it a mine of useful information and visual inspiraby Lucia van der Post





LEFT: A calm, understated sitting-room from The Good Housekeeping Book Of The Home, In full colour. which, alas, I can't show here, it is a gentle study in cream, terracotta and indigo hlue based on the colours of the Oriental rug on the floor.

TOP RIGHT: The garden room that Peggy Willis built onto one end of the drawing-room in her house at Radway, Warwickshire. It bridges the gap between house and garden and makes a perfect summer dining-room. The photograph comes from The Englishwoman's House.

RIGHT: A single tulip in an almost totally all-white room belongs, as one might have guessed, to a floral designer. This is white used in its starkest, most clinical mood. It is just one of the many photographs from White By Design by . Bo Niles.



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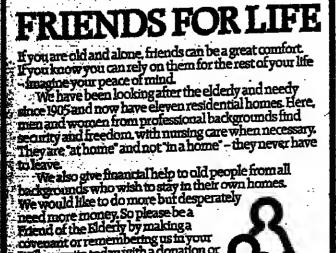
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Stirring times: a proper plum pudding

BY PHILIPPA DAVENPORT

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dients,

FOR many years I atudiously avoided all recipes with long Cooking a Christmas pudding could hardly be simpler. It's true that it takes a long timo ingredients lists. It mado me but there is no need for the cook to dance attendance nor feel weary to read them let alone try to cook them. A dozen or more ingredients staring up noed tha kitchen tako on the from the page looked daunting steamy appearance of Turkish -and a bit show off. Could it baths.

really be necessary, or even desirable, to include so many goodies in one dish? And if the Many recipes stress the importance of regularly topping up the pan with extra boiling ingredients list were off-puttingly lengthy then surely lt water. Why? If the water level falls drastically you must of. course top it up, but this is unwas odds on that the cooking techniques required would be equally long and horribly comlikely to happon if the pudding is cooked gently (a rolling boll is quite unnecessary) and if the pan lid is woll-fitting. In

I am still wary of recipes with long ingredients lists and regard my experience it is quite safe to go away and leave the pudthem on tha whole as best byding alone for the whole of passed by busy cooks. There are, however, happy exceptions. Sometimes the inclusion of cooking time. I once left ono cooking for two hours longer than intended and it came to many ingredients is a positive virtue (just think of the subtla no harm.

The Sunday before Advent, or Stir up Sunday as it is called in fragrance produced by using a selection of freshly ground whole spices rather than comsomo areas, is by tradition the last day on which to make mercial curry powder), and some recipes with long ingremincemeat and Christmas puddings (this year it fell on dients lists are, in fact, exceptionally easy to cook. like the communal stirring and

Christmas pudding and mincewishing, is rooted in good senso: meat are just such recipesrich, fruity mixtures need time between making and eating to beautifully simple despite onerous sounding ingredients develop their full flavour. Many lists. It makes all the difference could argue that one year's in the world if you use indivimaturation is a great improvedually chosen fruits and whole ment on a few weeks and I tend to agree. I reckon, howcandied peel instead of prepackaged " dried fruit cake and pudding mixture," and a good pudding made this weekend splash of booze instead of artificial flavourings. As for Christmas Day, certainly better culinary skill, basically there is little more to it than thoroughly enough for feasting this Christ-mas and next-which means atirring together the ingre-

So much stirring would, I one less chore next Christmas admit, be an arm-aching busi- and the chance to judge for mixture will expand in cooking. ness if tackled single-handedly yourself the value of a long maturation period. with a wooden apoon. But it isn't. Thanks to the ruse intro-

duced by some ingenious lady PROPER PLUM PUDDING many years ago, the cook's lone

labour has been cleverly transmuted to pleasurable family So called because it does indeed include plums-that is to ritual. Now everyone takes bis or her turn at stirring the say dried plums or prunes which Christmas pudding in order to give it rich sweetness. Guinness adds delicious moistness and make a wish-and in my family at least it has become a tradi- helps to give the pudding good

pitted propes; 1 lb each whole candied orange and wholo lemon peel; i lb candied shelled almonds: 14 teaspoons each cinnamon and allspice; } teaspoon each freshly-grated nntmeg, and ginger; tho juice and zest of 2 oranges and 1 lemon; 4 lb each fresh wholemeal hreadcrumbs and grated suct;

lb self-raising flour; # 1b dark muscavado sugar; 4 large eggs; { pt Guinness. Cut the prunes and candied peels into smallish pieces with a pair of selssors. Put them inlo a really large mixing bowl and add the sultanas, raisins and currants. Skin the nuts if you wish, and chop them roughly. Add them to the howl together with the ground spices and citrus zest. Stir lightly, add the citrus juice and stir again. If you wish the mixture can be covered and left overnight at

this stage. In a separate bowl mix together the breadcrumbs, suct, sifted flour and sugar. Beat tho November 25). This tradition eggs lightly with the Guinness and stir them into the breadcrumb mixture, then tip the damp breadcrumb mixture into the bowl of dried fruits, nuts and spices and stir very thoroughly for 5-10 minutes. This is of course the point at which all the family should join in. Cover the bowl and leave it

ever, that mincemeat and plum overnight in a cold larder. Next day turn the mixture will still taste pretty good by into woll-buttered pudding basins-2 basins of 21 pts capathan most commercial varienes. city or one larger and several Quantities given here should bo smaller basins if you prefer.

Pack the mixture quite firmly into the basins but do not fill them right to the top as the Cover with battered greaseproof paper and foil (both ploated down tho middlo to allow the puddings to rise during cooking), the down firmly with string and loop string over the top to make a "handlo" for lifting each pudding in and out

of the pan. Sand each basin on a trivet Lay circles of greaseproof paper or on a pad of newspaper (as a or waxed discs directly on top precaution against the basins of the mincemeat and seal with

sides of the basins. Cover the pan(s) with well-fitting lid(s) and cook at a gentle hubble for about 6 hours.

are cold re-cover them with fresh unbuttered greaseproof papor, tie down tightly with string and store in a cold larder. They will keep for at least] vear

pudding you plan to serve on Christmas Day. Boost its hooze content if you wish by pricking it with a fork and sprinkling on a few spoonfuls of brandy. If you want to add charms or silver coins, this is the time to A so-wrap each individually io greaseproof paper, jab the pudding with a knife and insert. Covor the pudding once again with buttered and pleated greaseproof paper and foil, and tie down with string. Steam-boil on Christmas Day as in the first cooking but for a shorten time-21-4 hours depending on the size of the pudding.

OLD FASHIONED MINCEMEAT

This recipe includés carrots, as was traditional, in sweet dishes before sugar became cheap and plentiful. It is much more dolicious than any shopbought mincemeat I have eaten; 1 find it invaluable for last minute Christmas presents as well as for home consumption. Enough to fill 10 or 11 standard size jam jars.

I lh each cooking apples, car-rots, candied whole citrus peel, currants, sultanas, seed-less raisins and grated suet; 14 lb dark muscavado sugar: Ih flaked almonds; 2 tablepoons each ground cinnamon and allspice; the zest and juice of 4 oranges and 4 lemons; brandy or whisky (optional).

Peel, core and grate the apples coarsely. Scruh and grate the carrots. Chop the candied whole peel into smallish pieces. Put these three ingredients into a really large mixing howl. Add all the other ingredients excepting the alcohol, and stir very thoroughly with help enlisted from the rest of the

family. Cover the bowl and leave it in a cold larder for 24 hours, just stirring the mixture occasionally if and when pass-

Then, to minimise the risks of formenting during storage (which otherwise may occur when certain varieties of apple are used), put the bowl into an oven pre-heated to 225F, 120C gas mark 1, and leavo it there for 4 hours.

Let the mincemeat mixture become cold again, then stir in a generous tot of brandy or whisky if you wish. Pot the mincemeat : to clean dry jars.



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Foreign customs

4's Saturday-Night and Burmese governments and last week, Philip the upland peoples, Karen, Radio Theatre Latham's Customs of the Country, contained a hidden charge. Outwardly, it was a charge. Outwardly, it was a colourful romantic tale, Anstey (Alan Moore), the newly-appointed Attorney-General of Hong Kong in 1858, was determined to eradicate the corrup-tion that infected even the highest members of the colonial government, personified by Caldwell (John Forbes-Robertson), the Registrar-General and Protector of the Chinese. At tion. same time he was courting Caldwell's beloved danghter, Emma, So we have a conven-tional, if rather scalene, trianglet Anstey at one angle, Emma and Anstey's duty at the other two. There was a long trial scene at the climax that went very well. Two lines made a point that

explained it to him; hut she didn't end with a revelation, abc stayed with her own belief, is still valid whenever we deal with unfamiliar peoples. "To pay and get things done, that is or lack of lt. good business," aaid Caldwell's

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RADIO B. A. YOUNG

Chinese wife, defending him from the charga of bribery. And, "It's only corruptioo because that's what we choose to call it," said the Superinten-dent of Police. How often, when dealing with Indians, Chinese, Africans and so on, have the British imposed an when dealing with Indians, what Mr Cohen told us nothing Chinese, Africans and so on, about in his jokey talk, is the have the British imposed an alien British morality on people who have got along happily with their own. But do yon mean to say,..? Well, oo, but 1 grew up according to tha British principles. Later the same evening we Dodgson was 24

Later the same evening we heard about Jean-Louis Burck-hardt, an intrepld explorer, born 200 years ago, who to prepare himself for a journey into Africa to find the source of the Niger, spent two years in Syria learning Arabic and Muslim customs, discovered (from the European point of view) Petra Lindsay Quartet, who had a and the great figures of Abu programme about their lives on Simbel, and lived in Mecca dis-Radio 4 on Tuesday. Not only guised as an Arab. He died of are the members of this hand-dysentery, aged 32. Burckhardt some ensemble still friendly with ooe another after 15 years' (played with a touch of Swiss association, their wives and childreo are friendly too. accent by Martin Jarvis) shooe out of the programme as a man of outstanding goodness aod Natalie Wheen brought them all ability. At no time did we hear to the microphone, including any criticism of the customs of some of the children, and it was the various kinds of Arabs good to hear how they all got among whom he lived, though on. We beard them play a hit, they often conflicted with his too, but that wasn't the point

of the programme; they were The following Friday, in just illustrating polots. "We Radio 3's interesting series Of talk more than we play in Cadres and Kings, we heard of rebearsal," Peter Cropper, their the conflicts between the Thal first violin, said.

Kachin, Shan and so on, who partly live on the opiom trade. John Keay had much to tell us abont them, but there was no adverse criticism on his agenda. And since morality bas appeared, perhaps this is where I should say that Gerald Priest-land, now over half-way through The Case against God on Radio 4, doesn't convince me that he really helongs in the prosecu-He argues only on the ground that the defence is proven, with such phrases as "Is it true that modern science and philosophy have finally overthrown Him?" Overthrown whom? Which side is Mr Priestland on? As it happened, he defined an attitude last Sunday that exactly corresponded with

Harmione Baddaley sending up Swan Lake as Madame Fallover and Beryl Reid as Marlene of the Midlands

More tales from the Green Room

Olivier has suffered no such dep-

rivatico. The latest tribute, Laurence Olivier by Melvyn Bragg (Hutchinson, £12.50), is

based on Bragg's excellent tele-

vsion profile and comes most

lavishly and handsomely illus-

ing caller, his awe and respect

melting into undisguised affec-

In the course of his re-

searches, Bragg enjoyed a lavish

occasion. I do not know an actor

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BY MICHAEL COVENEY

A real absorbe is Lewio Carroll's serions verse. Morton Coben gave a 20-minute talk on Radio 3 on Friday about the collected poems in *Rhyme?* or *Reason?* (now half a century out of print), but there was no Two of the finest, furniest actresses of this century, both of them particularly associated revelation there either. The book contains only items well-known, like the *Snork* and with revue, have just published their autobiographies and Phantasmagoria, or far from unknown, like the parodies of Longfellow, Tennyson and so on. What it doesn't include, aod deserve consideration for the Christmas present list. Beryl Reid's So Much Love (Hutchinson, £8.95) charts a fascinating what Mr Cohen told us nothing career through summer seasons, paotomime, revue, radio and television, as well as a growing reputation on the "legitimate" stage ever since The Killing of Sister George in 1965. The Unsinkable Hermione Baddeley (Collins, £9.95) is a

classier production, but then Miss Baddeley is of nohler stock I once saw a photo in Life magazine of a string quartet. I think it was the Budapest. than our Beryl; she married the aristocratic David Tennant and became a fixture in London'a pre-war heou monde. Not that Waiting for a train, they had spaced themselves about the station as far from one another she was ever grand on stage. In as they could. 11ow different fact, she succeeded Beryl Reid in Sister George and was a memorahly garish Mrs Peachum things seem to he with the in The Threepenny Opera.

true of musicians, only more so. Foie Gras and Trumpets by The two Hermiones joined forces famously io Coward's Follen Angels in 1949. They burlesqued it like mad, says Miss Badeley, and Coward, turning up on tour having been away during rehearsals, was furious. But the double-act cootinued. good food and music. When the revival became a West End smash, Coward seot a tele-gram from onboard a liner bound for the West Indies: "Consider my criticisms incorrect. Please play as before."

The range of work and contri-bution to our general culture, not to say well-being, by these

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two great ladles has yet to be during Lucrezio in order to scholarly lome is essential recognised in an appropriately consume an unseen tankard of reading. official manner. Laurence best porter, passed up to her Practical considerations, too.

through a trapdoor? Even futuer off the heaten track, two oddities: My Dear One edited by Patricia Casson (Julia MacRae, £8.95) contains a disappointing fragment of autobiography hy Sybil Thorntrated. Bragg is a modest, tact-ful chronicler of this astonish- more dreary correspondence more dreary correspondence between her parents; while Beerhohm Tree's Olivio hy Olivia Truman (Andre Deutsch, £8.95) contains slightly more interesting, because weird, letchampagne lunch in Brighton ters between the great actor and with Olivier and John Osborne. a besotted Victorian adolescent One of the photographs depicts admirer. The correspondence the trio looking decidedly more includes a few discreet gems than windswept on the from Tree's half-brother Max. promenade after this famous But how could Tree allow his vanity to so mislead and beguile who does not relisb his food and the pathene Olivia for 17 years?

drink. The same, I gather, is Victorian values, I suppose, true of musicians, only more so. Main-lining theatrical buffs would love to receive. I am sure, Charles Neilson Gattey (Con- Theotre ond Playhouses by stable, £9,95), the title derived Richard and Helen Leacroft from Sydney Smith's idea of (Methuen, £20, also in paper-Heaven as "eating foie gras to back £6.95). This fascioating the sound of trumpets" cele-survey of theatre building from brates, io buoyancy anecdotal Ancient Greece to the present style, the intersecting joys of day is as expert as you would expect from the Leacrofts, and You may well know that they employ the same technique

have governed the excellent Theatre Productioo Series from Routledge and Kegan Paul. The fifth and latest in the series, Restoration Theatre Production by Jocelyn Powell (RKP, £19.95) is well up to standard, with good solid historical chapters on Restoration theatre conditions and hrilliant discussions of specific plays in terms of how they were done. Dryden's 1674 The Tempest comes to life in all its baroque splendour, and the analysis of The Way of the World (1700) is possibly the best I have read. Mr Powell reminds us that Congreve had no furniture on the stage: 50 Lady Wishfort giving her "first impression on a couch " would not have involved all thal superfluous fluffing around we cur-rently see from Joan Plowright at the Haymarket.

All of these books have appeared over the last month. What variety, what riches. Next week's theatrical publishing event is Upper Circle by Kitty Black (Methuen, £10.95) which foodly recalls the pre-War West End theatre ruled by Hugh "Binkie" Beaumont of H. M. Tennent. Does It matter that there is no one of comparable tasle, power and authority bestriding Shaftesbury Avenue talgic treat.

Vive les vétérans

" Yehhh. "Yehhh, yehhh," sharis James Cagney as the 80-year-old ex-boxing champ in One Blow Too Mony (CBC/Fox). "Sock around long enough and "Sock around long enough and they'll pour bronze over you." Where are the Holiywood veterans of yesteryear? When not having bronze poured over them like Mr C's pugliist, they're being recycled in video. Astounding is the number of sere and aenior superstars today who when they "pass on" from the large screen promptly —or eventually—pass on to the -or eventually-pass oo to the small.

To anyone still recovering from seeing Cagney in catatonic mode on the Parkinson show mode on the Parkinson show some years back, when he resembled a cottage loaf who had taken a vow of silence, One Blow Too Many is like a miracle. Not only is J.C. alive and well but he kicks all the life there is into this soapy tale "Terrible Joe Moran" (Cagney), wheelchairing around his Man-hattan manse hawling out both his ex-bruiser companioo (Art

Carney) and his long-time-no-see granddaughter (Elleo Barkin) who moves in promis-ing the old man love while eye ing the old man's loot. But will her heart be warmed after all by the codger's pride and

plight? You betcha it will. At times the terrible sentimental shenanigans resemble On Golden Pond with boxing gloves. But look at Cagney he-striding it all. The voice may have dropped from oasal tenor to phlegmy haritone, but the snarl is still imperious. And the face, now a ball of pastry rather than a rakish mask of youthful Mephistopeleanism, can still sneer and grimace without peer. "Eotreprenooer!" he mimics, when his grandaughter describes her wheeler-dealing boyfriend, and he screws up his face into the wittiest twist of scorn we've seen on screen since he first planted a grapefruit in Mae Marsh'a kisser on 1931. Où sont les pamplemousses d'ontan?

Kirk Douglas is no mean snarler and has also lalely poined the "Where Are They Now?" club. Kirk has been, among other places, to Austra-Lia to make The Mon From Snowy River (CBS/Fox). Un-seco in British cinemas, this Aussie "Western" was directed hy George Millor (but oot the Mad Max one) and hurls two Douglases for the of ooe at us. Douglas 1 is the old fogey in face-fungus who seeks gold in them thaar hills. Douglas 2 is his smoother brother, steery of tongue and uncamouflaged of chin-dimple, who pursues both Sutherland.

yehhh." snarls gold and wild borses. star turn but less than a great movie. Grand scenery and a storm, a wild stallion chase-alternate with dialogue scene designed to cure insomnia. With none of his co-stars offering any wakeful charisma, it's left to Douglas to ply the mannerisms like one demented the alligator grin, the bionic jaw and the voice like the grinding of metal machinery-showing that super-stardom at full throttle can sometimes be hard work and no

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just effortless magnetism. Video can also put out a welcome mut for veterans whose fame has been behind the camera rather than hefore it. "Whatever happened to Nell Simon?" I hear you, with some prompting, cry. The Broadway and Hollywood gangester's latest film, Mar Dugan Returns (CBS/ Fox), was mysteriously pulled from British release last year and now turns up in a carton

VIDEO

NIGEL ANDREWS

for home viewing. One sense disaster. But reports of Simon's failing inspiration since his stage-and-screen heyday (Borefoot in the Park, Plaza Suite) seem greatly exaggeraled judging by this delicious comedy for four voices. Marsha Masoc (alias Mrs Simon) is the divorcee with a teenage son (Motthew Broderick) who frantically tries to juggle two irreconcilables: her love for police detective Donald Sutherland and ner even newer love for her rascally old Dad (Jason Robards) who returns after a life of crime to shower wealth upon her and to live out his declining months discreetly under her roof.

The film may oot have you roiling about on the Axminster, like Simoo's best, but il'a cunning, funny, and full of charm. Relish especially charm. Relish especially Robards's succession of gifts guoranteed to blow discretion to the winds. (He buys Mason a Merredes, floods her kitchen with labour-saving machines and has her house redesigned in French Gothic.) And also relish schoolteacher Masoo's struggles with a class of hip-tongued Hispanics stammering through Homlet aloud-" Man, you shall do marvellously wisely, good Reynaldo, man, before you visit

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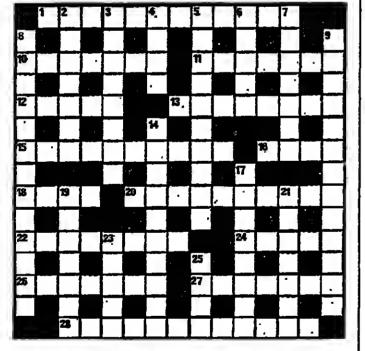
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...." These moments are vintage Simon. And the performances are vintage Robards, Mason and

Peach Melha was named after of using engravings, photo-Dame Nellle, or even that Joan graphs and isometric drawings Sutherland sips blackcurrant to accompany a succint, rivetsyrup between scenes (explains ingly informative text, as did a lot, that). But did you know Mr Leacroft io The Derclopthat the great soprano Giulis ment of the English Playhouse, today? I think oot The Grisis used to collapse on stage For anyone who loves theatres chronicle, however, is a noswith ber back to the andience and how they are built, this

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16.00 Danger Man. 6.30 Rock-N-America.



F.T. CROSSWORD PUZZLE No. 5,584

A prize of £10 will be given to each of the senders of the first five correct solutions opened. Solutions must be received by next Thursday, marked Crossword in the top left-hand corner of the envelope, and addressed to the Financial Times, 10 Cannon Street, London EC4P 4BY. Winners and solutions will be given next Saturday.

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1.25 Night Thoughts with Katharine Whitehorn. 12.55-1.00 am Weather Northern Ireland News Headlines. England-5.15-5.20 pm London? Sport. South West (Plymouth): Spotlight Sport and News. All Other English regions: Sport/, **CHANNEL 4** 1.05 pm Making The Most Chips' Comie. BBC 2 12.00 19.35-12.15 am Open University. 1.35 pm fSaturday Cinema Double Bill: "Ziegfeld Girl," starring James 13.25 "One More River," star-

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7.00 News Summary followed hy Seven Days. 7.30 Jury Of Her Peers. 8.00 The Sonnets Of William Shakespeare. 8.15 Muck and Brass. 9.15 20/20 Vision: Child Sex Abuse. 10.00 Hill Street Blues. 11.00 Pushing Up Dalsies, †11.30 "Nightmare," sta starring Kevin McCarthy, Edward G. Robinson and Connie Rnssell S4C WALES 1.20 pm What the Papers Say. 1.35 A Week In Politics. 2.15 The Red Balloon. 2.55 Resim of Darkneys. 3.55 The Wine Programme. 4.25 The Bilitish at Wer. S.20 The Avergars. 7.20 Superted. 7.30 Nawyddion, 7.45 Sion A Sian. 3.15 Cerddi'r Geel. 3.55 Porthgein, Pentref Y Bobl. 0.10 Y Maes Chwarse. 10.30 Cellan. 11.30 Festure Film: "Trouble Ior Two." SAC WALES REGIONS IBA Regions as London except at the following times: ANGLIA 11.45 sm The Smurts, 11.40 pm Gone for a Soldier. BORDER 9.35 am Mister T. 17.20 Bettlester Gelectice. 11.40 pm Curling. CENTRAL 9.25 em Fogham Legham, 9.30 Miater T. 11.20 Six Miklon Dollar Man. 11.40 pm The Challengers. CHANNEL B.35 am Miater T. 11.20 Puffin's Pla(1)ce. 11.25 Tarzen, S.05 pm Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 5.10 The Bmurte. hy Jobn GRAMPIAN 9.35 am Mietar T. 11.20 CED, 12.40 m Reflections. GRANADA 9.35 am Mister T. 11.20 Chips. 11.40 Hawaii Five-0. 12.30 Map In Concert. HTY 9.25 ans The Wonderful Stories of Prolessor Kitzel, 9.35 Mister T, 11.20 Fether Murphy. 12.13 pm HTV, News. 11.40 Acck of the Savenilas. HTV Walse-As HTV West except: 11.40-12.25 pm Rugby, Union, 12.25 Westher TYNE TEES 9.25 am Moming Glory, 9.30 Fraggle Rock—The Finger of Light, 9.55 Young Lockeround, 11.50 Betmen, 12.13 pm Nerth East News, 5.05 North East News, 5.10 Candid Cemera, 11.40 Autumn Gold Oarts, 12.30 am Poet's Corner. Wictory," starring Fredric YORKSHIRE March, Betty Field, Cedric 11.20 am Hardwicke and Sig 11.40 pm Out 1 11.20 am Bettlestur Gelectica. 11.40 pro Out in the Open. RADIO (B) = siao ,VHF; Steree BBC RADIO 2

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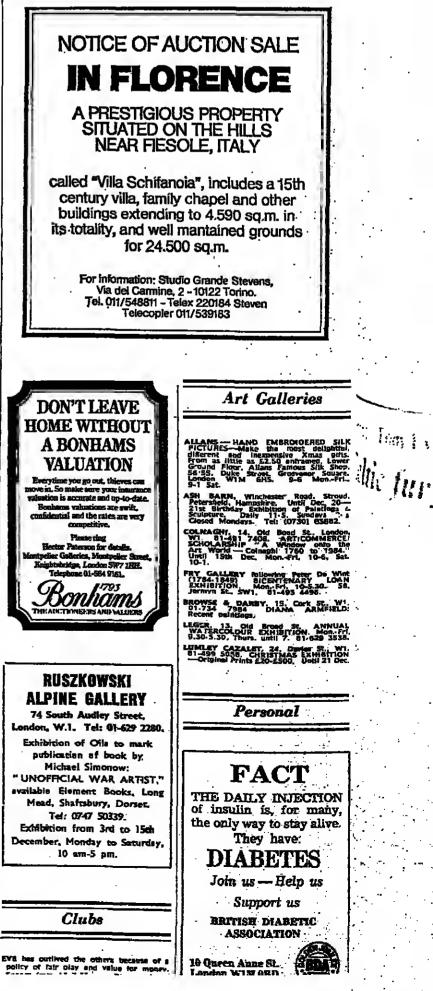
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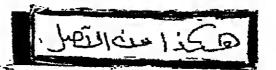
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Antony Thorncroft considers the cost of paintings Old Masters suffer a lack of appreciation

sion artists has become so com- auction.

mon that few eyebrows were by Joseph Wright of Derby last its collection. For the arl world it was another case of everything goes.

Or not quite everything. One oddity of the current boom in fine art prices is that what for many centuries has been the traditional bedrock of dealing in art, the foundation on which the whole art history industry is erected, and the raison d'erre most national collections, Old Master paintings, bave failed to appreciate in line with

more eccentric sectors. Se you have the apparently bizarre situation in which a painting by David Hockney will sell in New York for £222,000 while Sotheby's is offering on December 12 a fine portrait by Cranach the Elder with a top estimate of £100,000, and Christie's, a day earlier, a robust Van Dyck with a £50,000 esti-

In recent months an mate. sionist painting abstract expres by Mark Rothko has made over fim; a Tissot £561,000 (it would have been all but impossible to sell a Tissot for £1,000 20 years ago); and a Millais for £802,400. No Old Master painting sold at auction in London last season approached these prices. Colnaghi in Bond Street, one

of the leading Old Master. dealers, currently has a loan exhibition of pointings it has bandled in recent years, plus some of its current stock.

After the show ends on December 15 you might negotiate to buy from them an early Murillo for £500,000; works by Gaudi and Claude at around the £250,000 mark, or a Boucher £500,000.

THE market's willingness to that Impressionists like Monet pay high prices for second divi- and Renoir regularly fetch at . Of course, most Old Master

raised when the National Gal- pictures have appreciated lery spent \$1.4m on a painting sleadily in price in recent years and demand is currently strong. week. For the Gallery it seemed But attention has moved away a reasonable sum for a rare, from them and it is quite posfine and pretty picture which sible that, in the future, this plugged one of the few gaps in will become a quiet sector of the art market whila sudden fashions shift the headlines elsewhere. One major reason for this current dormancy is that most of the masterpieces are locked into museums and art galleries.

But on top of the scarcity there has been a major change of interest. Old Masters have become museum pieces, sought mainly by the money - rich museums of the U.S. They have much less appeal to the new art collectors who bave been spawned by the thousand from the American economic boom. The new buyers cut their teeth on patrotic and accessible works, by American artists, both contemporary and 19th century, or pretty Impressionists.

The mainly religious subject matter and imagery of Old Master painting, which is incomprehensible to most collectors; the large size of many of the paintings; their condition, often cracked and restored, and susceptible to central heating; the problems over attribution; and, of most importance, the difficulty in building up a collection. All deter the modern rich buyer.

In comparison, Victorian paintings offer easy, bright, escapism and a story, while Impressionists appear regularly at auction so that their value can be monitored upwards. Old Masters often seem to offer littla more than a resounding name.

They are flush with funds at There is the moment as rich Americans



Cheap at the price: a top price of £100,000 estimated for this portrait by Cranach the Elder

gallery, and although the Getty ings on offer this month for is flushest with its £1.5bn annual spending budget, the museuma In Fort Worth and Dallas, Los Angeles and Washington have purses. But the new heavy breed of curators are more knowledgeable and idiosyncratic and want to create a stir by building up over-looked Old Masters

Although the growth in knowledge means that there is now some interest in all areas of art. early Italian paintings and 15th century English portraits in particular-both once the beight of fashion-are now comparatively cheap.

name. Even among the museums Sotheby's was pleased when there is a tendency to pause. it sold a very pretty Reynolds portrait for £82,500; it bad estimated It at a cautious also a painting by Tintoretto cut their tax bills by giving £20,000 plus. Both salerooms It now carries a top estimate of which will cost half the price generously to their local art have good early Italian paint. £100,000.

Wine: Edmund Penning-Rowsell tastes Oddbins' selection Plenty of variety at reasonable prices

under £30,000, many for much less. But the absence of the speculative element that chases up the prices of Impressionis and contemporary paintings makes it untikely that these beautiful early works will ever enjoy such a rise in value.

The current flavour in favour is Danish art, following an exhi-bition at the National Gallery

The Old Masters are outside sudden movements of taste Chriatie's has a typical example of their solid worth on Decem-ber 11 when it offers a landscape by the 17th century Dutch artist Jacob van Ruisdael-for the sixth time: in 1795 it sold it for 33 guineas and its price has risen steadily, If unexceptionally, to 55,000 guineas in 1974.

Archaeology: Gerald Cadogan looks at the art of database digging

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A computer byte out of history

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THE FASTEST part of digging an ancient site is digging it. The slowest part is the work afterwards of studying, arranging and writing up what has been found. The final report is the aim of the whole busicess. Today, the microcomputer has arrived as a pos-sible means of salvation to help archaeologists produce better reports more quickly.

In the field, it is easy to forget that no excavation is over till it bas been published. The daily demands of diggiog are so immediate—there are notebooks to write and lists of levels and finds to keep up, plans to be drawn; decisions must be made on what to do next, and then be explained to workmen, volunteers or students. The decisions come from informed guesses and mulling over what is happening in the work and what will hap-pen. They need constant re-

vising in the light of what bas just happened. The unaxpected find is always changing the picture. It may be a pit, dug in later times through all the layers, that bas

to be taken out first. Or there may be a cache of pots on a floor, that must be revealed by knife and brusb, pbotographed in black and white and colour, then planned and listed and finally lifted. Each pot goes aeparately, with a label inside its bag and one outside, off for cleaning, mending and study and eventually, perhaps a new

life in a museum display case. The richer the site, and the more caches of pots and other finds, teh longer the publication will take. This is where the computer comes in. In Before Computer times you needed for writiog a report a large table

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card files or loose teaf blnders, letting them sit for several in different colours to help years till discovered in study, identification, for the walls, Even more useful for the Even more useful for the floors, tranches, levels, pottery, supervisors is the discipline of other finds, booes, photographs, formulating what they are doing plans, and so on. Then yon jumped from fite to file to colin the language and relentless logic of the machine. They and late the information relevant to the excavation director see more the building or level or object clearly what they are doing and make better decisions through bring written about. Now you call up the data having always to answer the questions implicit in the proneeded and can sort the evidence, which you know What is this level? grame. should be complete, in endlessly How does it connect with what

is around? University main frame com-On my own site in Maroni in Cyprus, for example, we have been using an Osborne 1-a puters have been used by archaeologists for some time. solid and reliable machine, despite the travails of the com--an Epsom MX-80 printer Danyand dBase II for managing the excavation data base. Additional ADB (or Archaeological Data Base) programming was provided by Mr Judson Har-ward, a classical arcbaeologist who worked his way through Harvard by writing programs, with belp from Mrs Elizabeth Easy access to computing means that the trench super-

Stewart, an art historian turned visors-the junior officers who computer export. are the backbone of an excava-We bave a file for trench and tion-can check at once that they have included all the information they should have. They can correct mistakes while tectural in the broadest sense, on which you loadde rows of matters are fresh, rather than a wall, floor, room, pit, even

perhaps a tomb. In the file is a field to show the retationships of the levels to the features.

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The field bas symbols (such as = or +) to show that the feature is the same as the level that was being dug, such as the earth in a pit or a floor (if it is removed as a level in ex-cavation). The + sign shows what belongs with what — that is, what was being built or was in use together with something else at the same time in the past. A pit, for instance - 1 am sorry to barp on pits, but the ancients were very fond of them, for storage, or rubbish. or even putting figurines in them as religious offerings has to be cut down from a floor, and so must belong with lt, and in no way can exist of its own in the air.

Other symbols include "u" for use, "d" for destruction (what is left when a place has burnt down) and ? which allows for uncertainty and delay in making up one's mind.

This and the other programmes sort the excavation data in different ways, which can be extended as we see new ways of inquiry. They help enormously for our understanding of what is going on during diggiog and knowing bow much progress is being made. Thelr main purpose, however, is to speed up the final report.

So now, in After Computer times, the archaeologist takes the machine back to the study and carries straight on. Provided the entries were correct in the first place, all should go much more quickly and the report appear soon. Excavation is always a unique experiment as.

level - the particular bit of once something is dug, it can earth being dug-and feature. never be dug again. The re-A feature is something archi- cords give life to the finds. And the dig is only as good as its

Country notes: John Cherrington denounces urban wildlife Those far-from-innocent holly thieves

JUDGING BY the number of public right into the centre of each will tell you that bolly should catch them stealing it. overgrown and unsurfaced lanes my farm, who might otherwise the North Hampshire couotry- be kept to the outer fringes and not risk their nice new cars on side must have beeo much more densely inhabited years ago. 1 have several running through the lanes. Nor are these all innocent excursions. 1 don't rear pbeasants but I regard those my farm and although in the

days of horses they must have on my property as mine. I get very annoyed when I hear a made it easier for carting supplies they don't seem to have been laid out on any central gunshot oo a Sunday afternoon. They were quite well Of course, by the time I get to plan. made np with flints picked off where it came from, there is the fields. Selling flints for the nothing but a few feathers in roads was quite common before

the field and the sound of a car the war and farmworkers' racing away. I didn't have this wouhle when the road was un-

growing wild in a hedgerow is The trouble is that I can't run everyone's and not simply that fast enough these days. of the man who owns the bedge. A few years ago it was pos-sible to take a solitary walk They claim that they only take a minute amount but collecthrough the unimproved lanes tively they do almost as much

and see most sorts of bird and damage as the professionals. animal life following their The latter are a shady group natural activities. But no longer who make a living dealing in The traffic is now intense, acrap metal and other things cower from females on doubt during the year bat concentrate fully controlled horses. Ever, on holly at Christmas. They now and then someone's do have already mapped out their growls at me. On a public righ sources of supply and I have of way I can say little unless I

obschule, out of the motion of the south with new (£2.14) was finer, and much Domaine St Prix. Cutcaux de Moulin-à-Vent, Ch. de Chénas branches opening abortiy in less aggressive than many Midi St Bris '82 (£3.49). This is also '83 (£4.59). This has more style

ODDBINS, one of the moderate- pear flavour, while the A.C. run, it still makes an interest- rounder and a good example of

Leicester and Milton Keynes — whees, A big-coloured VDQS a Chardonnay produced by a and a longer flavour than the has had a reputation for the Corbieres, Ch. Montredon '83 small group of growers. Often Fleurie, and though delicate,

mostly in America and connected to the site by telephone. But what is fine with Ma Bell or her children is unsuitable for many parts of the world, where often there is no telephone. The portable microcomputer resolves that problem, even if you have to put up a customs

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different ways.

breadth of its list: about 400 wines, spirits, liqueurs, etc. 1 A E

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Taken over last Spring by Seagrams, the distillery group with many wine interests, one wonders whether it has ohanged. To judge from a recent tasting, the answer seems at least not yet, although there is now available a special range of inexpen-sive southern French wines that in volume accounts for over 20 per cent of the firm's turnover. Otherwise there was no lack of variety in the 40 wines opened for a special tasting.

To deal first with these lowpriced French wines, it is diffi-cult to find Midi white wines that are fresh, and the Aude Blanc (£1.59) was no different. It was oxidised. Yet the 11-litre Parion Rouge, (£2.99) in a square plastic bottle, a wine aggressive. from the Hersult, was a fruity, mouthful of red wine that would so very well with a pizza or similarly spicy food. this

An Aude red, Domaine Anne Chardonnay can do down Pouzol. 83 (£1.69) bad rather under. Without much bouquet, more style, with to me a slight and sweeter than the general

(£1.85), was another strong wine the wines of this commune, that might be described as west of Chablis, are excessively "hearty," but the '81 Domaine de green, but this one has a l'Abboye from the Collines de la delicious aroma and an elegani, Moine (£2.48) bad much more fruity flavour with a slight "class," partly owing to a pro- "prickle." An excellent portion of Cabernet-Franc in and good value for money. the blend; another demonstration of the fact that it is worth S2 (£3.69). With a very distinc-paying a little more, tive Sauvignon "nose" and to where a smell of nettles, and paying a little more.

WHITE typical flavour, this again shows Pinot Grigio Friuli '83 (£2.73) the progress made in the Friali is said to produce the viticulture of a country that a best Pinot Grigio in Italy, and this had a fine nose and plenty mere 10 years ago was scarcely producing any good table wines. of flavour; a better example than many. Chardonnav

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RED '83 Having mentioned several Altesino (£2.89). From the Alto Adige red wines already, the range is and the respected firm of narrower, with the Beaujolais Lageder, this has the real standing out. Chardonnay flavour, if Beaulolais Villages, Propriéle still llttle rather strong and a

'83 (£2.89). From a small grouping of growers, this bas good '83 colour, fresh nose and a flavour of true beaujolals; a better (£3,69). From New Zealand,

bargain than any Nouveau what the Flearic, Propriété 'S3 (£3.79). Much more depth of flavour than the Villages wice, sweeter,

Sport: Tom Lynch reports on Scottish football Celtic fury at 'disgusting creeps'

Chardonnay,

shows

an "object" thrown from the on a small number of booligans the game to go, when Coltic were leading 3-0, 4-3 on

aggregate. Cettic have good reason to be furious about what Mr Ernie Walker, secretary of the Scottish Football Association, called the disgusting creeps who threw missiles on to the field during the game. Celtic's sup-port is generally well behaved, and the club, like the rest of Scottish football, has been largely free of the serious crowd problems which have dogged

Austrians' cynical approach to the game three of them were booked and one cent off-provoked the spectators. Celtic fans have seen worse-they have, for example, seen Athletico Madrid-and Rapid's acties were in no danger of being rewarded by victory.

the trouble was caused by a tiny minority of the 50,000 spectators Indeed, UEFA's appeal com- football fans will always find a mittee said the crowd was well way to travel for a big game. Behavid. The committee took Old Trafford will not be empty. The committee took Old Trafford will not be empty.

object - perhaps a coin - at of all this is that, at a time Rapid Vienna's Rudolf Wein- when success or failure in hafer during the European Cup- Europe can affect the destina-Winners' Cup second leg the on tion of very large amounts of ovember 7. money, there is now an oppor-UEFA, football's European tunity for a club to demand a coverning body, decided that replay by reducing a game to a Weinhofer had been injured by violent shambles and relying

> to respond. It would be a shame if Ceitle lost in the replay, which will bo at Old Trafford on December 12. Violence and misconduct apart, they proved the better team. The players have already shown that they inlend to respond to the disappointment in Europe in the most constructive wayby channelling bitterness into a mean determination to walk over any opponent who gets in the way.

Last Saturday. St Mirren had to face Celtic the day after the UEFA judgement. The Paisley English teams in Europe. UEFA judgement. The Faisley It is no excuse that the side were unwise enough to the side were unwise enough to be a set woal threatening score an early goal, threatening to add defeat to indignation, and Celtic promptly scored seven. The Celtic fans will do their bit to respond to the replay. It may be that someone in Vienna thinks that the fact that the game has to be played at least S0 miles from Glasgow It is generally conceded that will mean that Celtic will suffer loss of home advanlage. Recent history has shown that Scottish

THE MOST unpopular person fining them £10,000 for "incor-In Glassow right now must be reet team conduct." a minor but profoundly impor-the fan who threw a small One potentially serious result tant incident further down the the 14 rounds were USSR 29 out of 40, U.S. 26, England and Yugoslavia 25, Iceland and Sweden 241, Spain 24 and one Ctyde at Ibrox - the signing by Rangers of their first Cathounfinished, Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania 24. lic player.

Granted. John Spencer is only 14. He has played for Rangers (amed its fraditional superiority Boys' Club for two years, and despite the absence of Karpov has now signed an "6" Form ; The official policy of Rangers has always been that any player

good enough to play for Rangers would be signed. The carly draws, Miles v Belvavsky unofficial policy of some previous club directors and officials brought about a situation that, in a city where Catholics account for nearly half the population, those judged good enough to wear the light blue Miles was down to king, rook jersey were always protestant. Joek Wallace's return to the knight and pawn-difficult, but manager's office at Ibrox last | dranabic. Short, a pawn up at season was widely expected to the first adjournment, had prosignal a change in the lbrox air. 1 gressed 10 king, rook, QBP and

Mr Wallace, who knows a good : KRP against king and rook- slow egainst Black's piece player when he sees one with- ; two pawns up. though with a strike: White should by 11 BxN, out first baving to inspect the | passive rook position. birth certificate, bas set bimself a real challenge in helping i Spencer-and probably one or i sis established a winning hne BxN. PxB; 14 P-R4, Q-N3; 15 two others-through the pressures that will surround them his rook pawo and activate his until the official policy of the rook in support of his remainterracings falls into line with ing pawn. Play resumed, but the policy of the club.

On my last visit to lbrox, I saw a clearer plan keeping heard one of my neighbours get : both pawns. Committed, he very npset when an Aberoccn found Yusupev had a hidden defender upended a Rangers drawing resource. The other forward. "That's lerrible." game was also a disaster as exclaimed the fan. "And bim Miles went wrong late and a protestant, too!" The history Belyarsty stored the full Point. a protestant, too! " The history Relyarshy stored the full point, behind that remark will take a So. 1:-2: against England long time to be forgotten. instead of 2 -1 .

Fleurie, and though delicate, should improve. Also dearer. but then this is Beaujolais' top CTU

Barhera d'Asil, Bersano '81 (£2.96). The basic red wine of "prickle." An excellent wine Piedmont, this has a big colour. an inviting bouquel, and a Sanvignon Blanc, Moutana typically strong taste that very much suits Italian food.

Barbaresco Asili, Cerretto '80 (15.49). From one of the leading Barolo / Barbaresco houses, this is distinctly brown in colour. but has a fine oaky nose, and a classic, flavoury long taste A distioguished wine at its peak.

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LEONARD BARDEN

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Hungary and Hotland.

Leading totals after ten of

The Soviet Union has main-

(ained its traditional superiority

and Kasparov, bul their 23-14

victory over England could

easily have gone the other way. While Speelman v Polugaevsky

and Chaodler v Vaganian were

and Short v Yushpov developed

nine hours.

of it myself. Some years ago the local council surveyor, during one of the first of the expenditure squeezes, asked me if it would be all right if he used some of his spare resources to surface about a mile and a half of lane

used to be ab

which ran through the farm. Once surfaced it has to he kept up and it is quite bandy for driving through the farm. But it has its drawbacks. Most attack.

modern machinery is too wide to use it so 1 have to send mine by another route but it lets the

share of incident. Chandler 23 R-R3, N-B5; 24 B-R4 ch, K-K2; blundered in a superior position 25 O-K2 RyP 26 R-N3 to leave the U.S. 14-3 up al adjournment. Nunn had only a hishop for his opponent's queen. but his passed powns were so strong that the queen was ineffective, Mestel sacrificed a rook for attack against the U.S. champion Alburt in a lime atlack.

championship - reaches its closing rounds at Salonica, scramble: he reached the con-England, have slipped back in Irol at move 40 to find that a the race for silver and bronze forced mating line would allow a draw by threefold repeated position. Remarkably, the Following a seventh-round win over Czechoslovakia, the English Nunn-Mestel army of bishop and a few pawns still team was well placed immediscored 2-0 against the American ately behind the Russians, but queen and rook. then came setbacks against

This week's game shows a useful practical sacrifice for Sirilian Defence players: the offer of rook for minor piece to expose While's castled king is always hard to defend. White: A. Rittiphunyawong

(Thailand), Black: M. Chandler (England) Sicilian defence (Salonica

1984).

this position, relying on White's exposed king and time pressure. Black is a grand master, but he failed to find the best continua-

other chess opening, depends on

QN-Q2; 10 0-0-0, R-QN1; 9

PxB; 12 P-B5.

Overnicht adjournment analyfor Short, who could sacrifice P-N5, B-N2, In return for a tempo, Black

Shor: at the board thought he his bishop. 18 N-R2, RxNI

White tries unsuccessfully to it is a test of chess vision to

19 PxR, QxP; 20 N-B3, P-B4;

a pittance doing this work, improved; perhaps the Chanalthough 1 never took advantage collor will order the abandonment of maintenance on all know the value in a particular these unnecessary roads.

The lanc also makes things year because it depends on supplies in other parts of the easy for the holly thieves. This country. The professionals know title is disputed by at least one the situation between Kent and sector of the fraternity - the Land's Eod to a T. amaleurs seeking a few branches with which to decorate Their approach is dellcate-

their homes. It is a little early on the tines of needing just enough holly to make a few wreathes for the old folks to put for them to pick any yet but they are already making their reconnaissances. They spend driving Sunday afternoons round the lane noting trees to fully, but in my experience they attack. don't. I no longer sell any and place than a muddy lane If you remonstrate with them 1 lbreaten prosecution if 1 cold November afternoon.

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BLACK (8 men)

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WRITE (9 Men)

BLACK(2 men)

WHITE(8 men)

puzzle

Mendheim) is a chess curiosity.

White (to play) bas to check-

mate in nine moves, and the

final mating move has to be

with White's rear pawn, now on

its starting square KN2. There

work it out from the diagram.

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been approached to sell what actually attacks me. Thei they consider to be my best owners are all bigger an trees. Selling the trees is a bit nastier than I am. of a one-sided game. I don't

Every now and then stumble of joggers comes sweat ing and panting along, their eye fixed on the unattainable goa of being mistaken for Sebastia Coe or Zola Budd. At least that must be the reason. The healt excuse was sbot down in flame long ago. Come to think of i if emplation is the theme, what about reincarnating one of th on their old folks' graves. They world's great lovers. The actio promise to trim the trees care- would take place in bed much pleasanter and healthic place than a muddy lane on

ruffed in his own hand, hi

trumps, provided that he ha not started with a six-card sui

would not be able to star

another force. South ruffed in hand, four

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trumps, and bad to conced

efeat

The USA match also had its 21 B-B2, Q-N5; 22 Q-K3, N-N3; BRIDGE 25 Q-K2, BxP; 26 B-N3, E. P. C. COTTER Desperate incenuity, hoping for QxB? 27 N-Q5 ch and 28 RxQ, 26 . . . R-QB1; 27 ExN. RxB: 28 Q-Q2, P-Q4; 29 Resigns. MY FIRST example hand today For ... P-05 will win material comes fi and keep up Black's decisiva illustrat

	The second hand comes from t a teams-of-four match: A K 6 2 O 4 2 A 8 6 5 4 3 Q			
+ J 10 3 W E 0 10 9 6 + AK8 4 0 10 5 4 3 0 2 0 A 7 5 0 8 6 4 3 + 5 4 9 8 6 2 0 K9 8 7 6 0 QJ	W E 10 95 • Q83 J97 ♡K10853 Q ◇J107 A K9742 + 106 S • J74 ♡AQ6 ◇K92 + J853 North dealt at a love scond d bid one diamond, South r			

+ AK0 7 plied with two no trum With neither side vulnerable, which was not the greatest b South dealt and opened the bldin the world, and North reb ding with one heart. North three spades. At this por South must have felt some u replied with two diamonda, and the opener was faced with an easiness, but he stolidly we awkward rebid. He could not on to three no trumps. The say three clubs-that would conwas no further bidding, an West led the seven of clubs. stitute a high reverse, for which he did not have the qualifications-and he certainly could not say two no trumps. There was nothing for it but to rebid two hearts on his shabby five-

card suit. North naturally raised to four hearts, and that became the final contract. West made the obvious lead of the Knave of spades, dummy played low, and the ten which followed was overtaken by East with the King, and the return of the Ace forced South to ruff. The declarer realised that, if the trumps proved to be divided 4-1, he could not afford to draw them before he had established a trick in diamonds. so he turned his attention to tbat suit. He played from band not the Queen, but the Knave, which was a reasonably plausible false card. West, however. was wide-awake, and did made. not fall for that deception. He

scented victory, took at once with his Ace, and continued with his remaining heart. If this was ruffed on the table. West's ten of hearts would be promoted to master rank, and take

This is what happened room 1. Dummy's Queen wo and East followed with the sl The declarer returned the diamond three, East produce the seven, and the nine w finessed in hand, drawing th Queen. There was now no w of defeating the contract. In room 2, belleve it or m the same contract was reache and the onening lead was aga the club seven, and again Es followed with the six. However when dummy's diamond thr was returned, he played the tr which prevented South fre

ducking. This meant that E: was able to obtain the le with the Knave, and retu the ten of clubs. South duck and West could not overta without setting up declare Knave, - three no trun

When I tell you that this curred in an internation match, the fact that neith East unblocked the club to and that only one East split | diamond honours may make y the setting trick; if the declarer butchers are in the meat tra-

Toth v Nemet, Swiss team championship 1984. Black (to move) sacrificed a bisbop for 1 P-K4. P-QB4; 2 N-KB3, P-Q3; 3 P-Q4, PxP; 4 NxP, N-KB3; 5 N-QB3, P-QR3; 6 B-KN5, P K3; 7 P B4, Q B2; 8 Q B3, P N4; 9 P-QR3? The Sicilian Najdorf with tion: can you do better? into marathon endgames lastiog B-KN5, more than almost any PROBLEM No. 544

detailed knowledge-you can After two adjournments, rarely get by on general prin-England were well placed. cipies. Here the critical and hetter line is 9 0-0-0, P-N5; 10 and pawo against king, bisbop, P-K5.

> 11 P-KN4. This pawn thrust proves too

11 ... P-N5; 12 PxP, RxP; 13

N-N3, B-QN2; 16 B-Q3, B-R3; 17

gains the long dark diagonal for

At minimum material cost, Chandler opens up the white king. In the next few moves is only a single line of play, but

improvise a defence.

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Why the TUC must act

"IT WAS a miracle . . . people were not killed." So said Mr Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, commenting on the violent scenes in South Yorkcall.

shire to his senior TUC col-leagues on Monday night. By the eod of the week, the "miracle" was played out: Mr David Wilkie, ferrying a miner to work at the Merthyr Vale colliery in South Wales in his cab, had been murdered.

Mr Wlikie's death is unnecesaary proof of a truth which experienced union leaders have known for some time: teft to fester, the miners' dispute can only get steadily uglier. The activist leadership bas through-out relied on a mixture of hope and fear to reinforce the basic lovalties which have austained the strike. As bope-hope of imminent negotiations, or hope of a disruptive impact on the economy at large during the winter-has faded, ao the violence bas escalated. The substantial drift back to work was started not only by the promise of bonuses but also by the coal board's refusal to continue negotiating with an im-movable union leadership. The return to work has provoked the violence.

It is this knowledge which has at last driven the TUC to attempt what it abould have attempted in the summer-to take control of the negotiations, and enforce some realism. The circumstances are hardly pro- unused power mising. The initial response of persuasion. the miners has been less than lukewarm, and winter still lies Powers abead. Nevertheless, now that the issue has been taken up, the TUC can hardly turn back to its undignified posture of the last few months, expressing "total support" for the strike in public and wringing its bands in private. It must be more

Sympathy

It is easy to criticise the represent-some half of the stance of the whole Labour leadership in face of Mr Scargill's intransigence, but it is also easy to understand it. The union leaders are baffied and nitely. Technical modernisation frustrated in the face of govern- must come to the pits: we will ment policies. Their member- assist you in arguing that the ship trickling away, their in- real dislocation that will be fluence gone, their activities caused be moderated by constrained by new laws, they measures to create new jobs in would have been less than mining areas: but our need to

-quite vigorous efforts, in some cases—by other unions to deliver practical support, in the hope of bringing the issue to a head, few have answered the

The TUC's new attempt at intervention is clearly aimed not at the Government, but at the NUM leadership. It is an attempt to fight not for the miners' claims, but for their genuine interests and more important still, from the point of view of Congress House,

those of the trade union move-ment as a whole. Every act of violence is clearly a sharp reverse for the whole Labour movement, as the polls confirm. So, more insidiously, is a campaign which claims special exemption from economic reality for those prepared to be ruthless enough, at the expense

of everyone else-including union members. The weakness of the TUC'a position is that it has very limited powers either to belp or to disoblige Mr Scargill. However, it is not irrelevant. The strike has aome support from railmen and dockers; this was not organised by the TUC, but TUC support must do some-thing to solidify it. Even the present intervention in the negotiations has its effect; the hope of negotiations has no doubt belped to slow down the drift back to work. The TUC could also deploy the so far of public

The marder of Mr Wilkie makes it imperative that they test what powers they bave. When the TUC leaders meet the NUM leaders next week, tbey should say this: what support we can give you is dependent on your firm willingness to

negotiate on the closure of un-economic pits: it is not in the interests of the people we country's workers - that a violent dispute continue over the right of your industry to be ludicrously unprofitable indefi-

HERE are forty telephones in the private clients department of City stockbroker Hoare Govett. On Tuesday, November 20 they received just under 4,000 in-coming calls. The azle of Britisb Telecom was finally

under way. Most of the bundreds of professionals connected with it bad long since begun to suspect that aomething extraordinary was about to bappen. "We just held our breath." recalls Mr Nicholas Hutchen of Bristol atockbroker Stock Beech, looking back at that first day of the selling period. "After all the ballyboo, was it really going to happen? Theo the floodgates

opened." They certainly did. And the great tidal wave of applications which rushed in by 10 am last Wednesday has swept away the last vestiges of all those midsummer worries that 3bn ahares in BT would simply

prove unsellable. But this weekend, the Government and its advisers might just have another worry on their minds. For it is one thing to price a new issue generously enough to ensure a firm immediate after-market, quite another to price it at an embarrassingly deep discount to the level at which the shares

then settle in the marketplace. No one can be certain that this will happen to BT. But yes-terday the City was buzzing with speculation-not at all pooh-poohed by the stockjobbers themselves-that the 50p partlypaid shares could begin trading on Monday afternoon as high as 70p each. Since every additional 1p on the full 130p subscription price represents an extra £30m of aale proceeds, the political fail-out of any such 40 per cent premium to the offer price is easy to imagine. Next week could see a royal rumpus. It has to be said immediately

that the line between triumph and disaster is borribly thin for every new Issue in the stockmarket. Given Its size, that was always going to be true in spades for BT. Engineering surplus demand for a share can never bave been trickler.

Still, the fact remains that a long tussle between Whitehall and the City ended earlier this year with BT consigned to the higher-yielding and more modestly priced status of a utility stock. Months later, as one regional broker candidly expressed it. "what looked like an ugly duckling has suddenly come to be recognised as a beautiful swan."

Now BT seems graced with all sorts of alluring qualities for the investor, leaving the offering yield of just over 7

1098765 421 days left.

INTO THE MARKETPLACE

BT sale: so far, so good

By Duncan Campbell-Smith

'A COUNTING STATION ON ELECTION NIGHT' taking money for the last and much as a big counting notable success.

THE SMALL South coast town of Goring-by-Sea might sound an unlikely focal point for the world's largest ever share issue. But the imposing Registrar'a Department of Lloyds Bank towers over its nest, suburban terraces and it is Lloyds which bas masterminded the logistics of BT's sale since last March.

lis Registrar's Department has co-ordinated the collection of many tens of thousands of applications at five regional Lloyds' branches, while at the same time gathering information on the pro-gress of the other five clearers involved in similar operations of their own.

As fresh sacks and sealed. fire-proof crates of applications arrived by courier vans-accompanied by radio-lloked security cars-from London. Newcastle and Belfast, whole areas of the Goring-hy-Sea building resembled nothing so

clients and the overseas applicants-that could mean trouble ahead.

ing 3,012m shares. A large implications.

station on General Election Elsewbere, perbaps, the night. unique nature of the BT sale Everywhere around were was rather more evident. Banks unfamiliar with the envelopes being opened. rontine City scrum found this new issue a novel cheques being detached and bundled into boxloads of

26,000 each and applications Lioes of a different kind were foremost io the thoughts of the banks' London branches. Reduring Wedneseager investors. Under a plaque commemorating the day's final morning rusb of applicants to a single file was their way of avoiding the undignified scramhics seeo on site of the first telephone exchange in Birmingbam, the earlier privatisation occasions. hrokers ducked and weaved

lection and processing of per- Fund managers who still haps 21m applications worth at want more shares—and BT will Institutions, the UK private lection and processing of perleast £2}hn may have been a be a key component of the UK logistical triumph for the clear equilies market—will have to The statistics are brutally ers and a coup for the brokers. simple. The Government is sell. Bot it leaves some awkward

Here again, the BT sale was a

been out in force this week. Not surprisingly, many of the professionals accept stoically enough that their institutions turn to the secondary market. applications will be drastically "We don't feel we have to scaled down tomorrow to make mirror the market index," says way for the retail customers.

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More importantly, bowever,

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couragement of the pre-announcement contacts which

are obviously the source of the

kind of abare price movements to which I refer.

Perhaps my own experiences and observations are not typical

individual smaller shareholders are getting a fair crack of the

- but I am not convinced that

amoog them like bookies

probably rather acknowledge the sentiment of Mr Nicholas Baer, chairman of Bank Julius" Baer, of Zurich, itself a man-Baer, of Zurich, itself a many ager: "If you are in a club, the club expects you to behave." In other words, no quick sales for an easy profit. And the same looks to be at least as true in Japan, too.

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Undoubtedly, the City's favourite suspect on this score is the U.S. fund manager. Which is a little unfortunate since many in the U.S. for their ance mmy in the U.S. for their part clearly resent receiving only about 6 per cent of the total issue. Their disappoint-ment is shared by Morgan. Stanley, the U.S. adviser to the issue. "This market has gotten itself cranked up to sell a billion shares easily" says Mr. Tom Saunders, its managing director who sounds discon-certingly like James Stewart: "I think the U.S. has gotten: hooked on BT. It's a very good atory. Over time, the U.S. will be a net buyer." When it comes to the grank-

ing up of markets, however, most observers of the last fortnight's events have no doubt about the most exciting aspect of all—the possibility that, at, long last, a retail market for equifies may have been stirred. up in tha UK itself.

"Unquestionably, we have had a great many people coming into a broker's office for the first. time ever," says Mr Michael Cusack, a partner of Birmingham stockbroker Albert. E. Sharp ("BT—Apply Withh." said its windows), "and they have realised that they don't have to have £100,060 just to get

in the door," This echoes a refrain heard from many City firms-but also and more significantly, perhaps, from regional brokers all over the country. "I believe it may be the less affluent person," says Mr Colin Smith. a pariner with the rival Birmingham firm, "who now, baving got some BT shares, may becom interested in what else the stock exchange has to offer."

This is the great prize which the Government and its advisers hardly dared contemplate pub-liely at the start of the year. The millions of private applieants for BT have simply swept aside the Labour Party's threat of renationalisation and ignored the gloomy warnings from the Post Office Engineering Union about a deterioration in BT's services. They must now represent a buge, potential market,

Against this background, however. tomorrow's allotment might carry a nasty risk if it disappoints too much of the retail market. "Some people, if they are scaled down, might feel rather cross. frankly," says

experience. The Blrmingbam being sorted into pile upon New Street branch of the Midland Bank-its largest plie of hine and pink folders bolding 50 apiece. Mr Charles ontside Londoo and, indeed, Hockey, deputy chief registhe original bome of the trar, walked among his 400group-found Itself engulfed atroog volunteer overtime force with undisguised glee at with applicants on Tuesday. Just around the corner, the smoothness of it all. " It local stockhroker Smith Keen beromes," as be said, "a Cutler bad placed a bandy stall in the lebby entrance of sausage machine thing-ooe great production line, really."

the Midland's regional bead office. Periodic sallies to the back of the bank's queue rounded np another 30 or so

human if they bad not hoped that Mr Scargill could indeed stop Mrs Thatcher in ber tracks, even if his case was seen as a weak one.

aingle-mindedness when be finally deigned to approach the TUC: he insisted on, and appa-rently obtained, unconditional However, while Mr support. Scargill may be able to cajole or bully a majority of his own members into support, he has not been able to write the rules the maintenance of your posi-for anyone else. Despite efforts tion: but that is your business.

have regard to all our members limits our support for a sectional struggle-and you bave gone over these limits. If you do not agree to some-

no more; that the support we have honestly tried to drum up is minimal; that you are on your own. We would be surprised if that did not, fairly sbortly, stimulate a revolt on your executive, a renewed surge back to work and severe difficulties for

requirements: hence the basis for a higher price. Less friendly critics of the City will waste no time concluding it bas pulled a fast one on the Government. This confused sympathy was thing like this, then we will The City Itself, meanwhile, can no match for Mr Scargill's publicly declare that we can do point to the impact of BT's television advertising and the favourable Impression made everywhere by BT's senior managers-both factors unquestionably tipped the scales far more than had been expected. Whatever the reasons, though, BT has been heavily

oversubscribed. And for every calegory of investor-the City

group of UK institutions plus per cent very much surplus to a small number of Swiss banks have already been promised 474 per cent of these during the sub-underwriting process. An-other 10 per cent bas been set aside for BT employees and pensioners; it is clear the great bulk of this portion has been taken up, with over 200,000 of the 241,000 workforce accepting the offer. Finally. 131 per cent has been promised unconditionally to investors in the U.S., Canada and Japan.

All of which leaves just 29 per cent on the shelf: 1.17bn or nothing in the main applicaahares, worth £11bn. The coltion process.

Take the City first. The firm Mrs Marianne Hay. promise of 47! per cent st the outset may now seem lavisb; but in the end, it disappointed many if not most institutions involved and they must have boped to pick up further shares in tomorrow's allotment. This now looks bighly unlikely. "We were pretty happy with what we got in the firm placing." says

Mr Keith Percy, bead of Philips & Drew Fund Managers, whose £4bn muscle no doubt made some difference. "But I'm assuming we'll get very little

director of managers Ivory & Sime in Edinburgh. But she adds: "We'll wait to see BT's share price in the immediate aftermarket and then decide whether to buy immediately or hulld up a position over the longer term."

This dilemma for the institutions explains the widespread convictioo in the City that the sharea will rise to a substantial premium from the outset, as professional money managers "It's a bit like stagging Jaguar, top up their requirements. The thong BT didn't have the snob City's stags-buyers intent on appeal." The Swiss managers a rapid sale at a profit-have in the selling syndicate would

Some though appear genuinely Mr John Mitchell of Liverood angry. Pension funds with less broker Tilney and Co. "They might feel they've been conned than £21m under management, for example, were precluded a hit." from the original 471 per cent As merchant banker to the firmly placed.

biggest race of all.

established ellents.

But it is the City firms, inevitably, which have really set the pace. Brokers like

Hoare Govett, for example,

have put together an inter-national effort yielding 20,000

applications and more. Hoare Govett Itself was drawing

about 2,000 cheques a day on

its own account, on behalf of

"The cash movements are

the biggest problem of all,"

says Mr Albert Smith, Hoare's

aettlements manager who saw

bundreds of millions of

ponnds worth 'of applications

passing through his depart-

ment. The clearers undertook

early on not to clear any cheques ahead of the allot-ment of shares, so his staff

have at least had a few days

grace to chase np payments

from clients given credit for

their applications.

sale, Kleinwort Renson appears Many investora will be to have resigned itself to the delighted with the domestic inevitability of criticisms based over-subscription and the staghindsight As Kleinwort's ging opportunity presented, hough few will be ss candid on Mr David Clementi put it at the end of a momentous week, " the this score as Mr Walter Blum. critics will just have to rememgeneral manager of Banca Solari and Blum of Lugano: ber the size of the problem we've had to resolve." But if the BT pudding really does turn out to have been badly over-egged, the public's memory might be shorter than be'd like.

of the announcement — pre-sumably in anticipation of a Due to this experimental club rule we played off 36 in the first round and lost, continuation of the progress which had been reported in earlier years. Suddenly, howwhereas off 41 we would have

ever, there came a sharp down-During the many years we have played as partners we movement and, lo and behold, a few days later the managed to upset the bave company's statement disclosed apple cart of several No. 1 iron results which were rather below characters in the early rounds, much to the joy of many friends The periodic "ear stroking' and members.

sessions which brokers' analysts bave with company boards and The new system is now so elinical and lacks all signs of the personal and gentle touch. Could the Royal and Ancient and our handicapping chairman tive investors - but it would change their thinking? seem to be desirable that they

A. W. A. Dillamore.

Thurlestone, Pinner Hill, Middleser.

Creative and empirical

From the Munaging Director, Rosslyn Research

Sir .- The end result of advertising is an unusual mix between the creative and the empirical, and Feona McEwan (November 22) rightly empha-sises the imperfections of adver-tising research. But far too often the creative grocess begins on the basis of vague and inaccurate briefa. Advertis ing propositions may be deter-mined through a priori discus-sions rather than carefully analysed market conditions.

The agency will then produce concepts which become entrenched. It is reluctant to change them regardless research findings. No doubt cost considerations play a part in that entrenchment, but emotional aspect is important, Few people ready to discard their arc creations without a battle. The end result could be advertising that beautifully illustrates the proposition, but is not what consumers want to hear about the product. Subsequent research, therefore, might rightly enderse the success of the advert in communicating the original pro-position, but it is not designed

to do anything else.

M. Spungin. 261 Royal College Street, NW1.

I am unexpectedly having to find nearly £4.000 per annum University for three years from post-tax **Concerned**, income-or else discourage my youngest daughter from.attendfees From Mr P. Ball ing University. liberal and P. M. Ball Sir, Your editorial on 14 Raymond Road, SW19 November 26 touches on some fundamental issues of student finance which bave not been the Too distant subject of debate but bave been prospectus well meaning? the subject of administrative decision by the Government. From Mr R. Butterworth Up to age 16 a student is Sir,--I refer to the article headed, "Dear Marje, is this a good buy?" on November 24. entitled to free education by the state presumably because atlendance at school is a Mr Barry Riley discussed the Or just plain statutory duty. After aga 18 a style and content of company student who wishes to attend university (or, presumably, polytechnics) will have to ask prospectuses offering shares to the public. It is indeed correct that the Companies Act 1948 prohibits bis (or her) parents for their authority and guarantee that mean? they will pay the tuition fees. According to your editorial this is right and proper because It It's all very well expressing advantage to attend university. If you believe that, then how concern, but when was the last time much do you believe the student should have to pay (via the parents)? Do you or the Governyou did something practical? A donation to charity would ment believe that engineering help. A donation to several would

be better. Last year 10,000 people

gave generously to charity through a Charities Aid Foundation bank account.

Their average donation was £750.

What was yours? If you feel guilty, and you should, contact:

Peter Grove, Department F Charities Aid Foundation, Freepost, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2YZ, or telephone 0732 356323.



the issue of application forms separate from the prospectus to which they relate. Also, in the is to the individual's personal case of British Telecom, a specific exception to this rule was contained in the Telecommunications Act 1984. contributor however bas neglected to refer to another important and recent change students should pay the full cost of tuition of, perhaps, £6,000 per annum (in addition to living to the Companies Act prohibition. The Stock Exchange (List-ing) Regulations 1984 come into effect on January 1, 1985, ernenses)? How do you apply this principle to the 16-18 age group at school? Do they atay at school but June 1, 1984 in relation to privatisation. These provide that, where the Stock Exchange for their own personal benefit has approved listing parti-culars, it is sufficient if the too? If so, do you or the Govern ment advocate that free state education for all up to the age of 18 should be ended in the same way, as it has now been ended by administrative deciapplication form refers to the listing particulars being avail-able for inspection. The listing regulations are not otherwise designed to simplify the marketing of security issues. They have however, the effect that it will be permissible in future for application forms to be issued without a prospectus ion at University level? There are a number of questions which need to be answered by the Government which bas chosen to submerge a major change of principle nto the small print of detailed altached. inancial statements. Your contributor may be for-You may have guessed that given for having overlooked I write from a position of privilege, namely, that the com-bized "residual" income of my this new development. Company law is complicated, now being spread among half a dozen or wife and myself is over £25,000 so different statutes and is conper annum and therefore not forming a very big electoral

tinually changing. Indeed, the proposed consolidation to be-come the Companies Act 1985 lock. Ooce, however, these new principles opply in practice it is only a matter of time before principles opply in practice it coming into force on April 1 power at every future general band. In the third case the is only a matter of time before this. The listing regulations minimum total voting interest upwards for some daya ahead هكذا منالكل

Letters to the Editor have the force of statute and would bave been 31.1 per cent. The result, through underwrit-

expressly override certain statutory provisions, but will not ing, was over 52 per cent, The £1 preference share has since traded up to £1.45 with the 25p themselves be consolidated as part of the new Act. R. H. Butterworth. SO. Coteridge Close, Hitchin, Herts.

Rights versus placings

From Mr C. Whitney

Sir,-As a small shareholder I totally support the views coo-Your certaing "Rights versus placings" expressed by Mr David Hopkinson in his letter of November 24, I also appreciate the editorial coverage given to the

subject. His letter is particularly timely for shareholders of the troubled Benjamin Priest Group. In about 14 days that company's petition for a reduc-tion of share capital will be heard in the High Court. This petition arises from part of a complex schema to raise some £3.6m cash by way of a new issue of 8 per cent cumulative convertible redeemable pre-ference shares (the ultimate in "rustproofing") in a salvage effort by an "offer for sale."

It is true that the offer for sale, not rights, was available on restricted terms to all sharebolders. Some £1.2m was nlaced by Morgan Grenfell with "the

nlacing group." This placing group also underwrote some \$2.1m to be offered to the shareholders. The offer closed before the EGM seeking approval! This new issue in total comprised, after approval, 81.2 per cent of the enlarged voting

of the individual personal ahare-bolder.

ordinary sbare, with the prospects of no dividend, drifting around 6p. I wonder if M and G Investmeot Management would belp me oppose or support the Benjamin Priest petition on December 10 in the High Court? You see it was a member of tha nlacing groun. Christopher J. Whitmey. Oldstone Furlong, Fournhope, Hereford. Share price movements From Mr D. Goch

Sir,-Your article "Are small ahareholders missing out?" (November 24) prompts me to draw attention to another aspec of the double standards that seem to apply to the detriment

It becomes almost a matter of routine to note the sbare price movements that occur in uncanny anticipation of trading results and dividend recommendations which are timed for announcement but a few days later. During the past year I bave experienced this pheno-menon on ibree occasions in relation to companies in which I bave a sbarebolding.

In the two instances where the board statement reported an increase in profit, the share price bad already anticipated the upturn several days beforehandicap of 41.

whip when it comes down to equality of treatment with institutional sbarebolders. Roll on the abareholders' democracy. Desmond Goch. 4. Paddack Wood Hurpenden, Herts. A golfer's

grouse

rom Mr A. Dillnmore Sir,-Timothy Dickson's piece

Sir,—IIMOTHY DICKSON'S piece on the one iron man and this ludicrous handicapping system energised my pen to seek sym-pathy and support. Mr Dick-son's influence with the golfing hierarchy must be enormous. With over 60 years of happy polfing days in my hones when

golfing days in my bones, when even at its peak was never better than 12 (now a miserable

21) surely I have a right to be heard. Recently our winter four-somes knock out was limited to a maximum 18, which upset our partnership calculations as we play off a combined age of 156 and a combined official golf 123170

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WEVE NOW managed to shoot ourselves in both feet," ingly on Thursday night about the growing revolt among Conservative MPs over the Government's proposed increase in parental contributions for gudent grants and fees.

He was despairing because this is only the latest in a series of rows at Westminster in the past faw weeks over such issues office budget, the possible extension of Stansted airport, and the new structure of regional aid. And there are everal more contentious subjects coming up during the next few weeks and months-local government reorganisation, the make-up of local bus services, the possible extension of Value Added Tax to books and children's clothing and the possible taxation of pensions.

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After going through this list one middle of the road Tory backbencher apologised for appearing to be a moaner. But he is typical of a large number of Conservative MPs who feel that the Government bas lost its touch on a series of sensitiva issues. In conversation after conversation similar phrases crop up, "arrogance," "deliber-ately hurting our own "penny-pinching " supporters," and "a hair-cut policy."

What is striking about these complaints is that they do not come just from the well-known critics the dozen or two permanent dissidents like Mr Francis Pym and Sir Ian the view of some Tory mrs. Gilmour and, at a brooding course they support bolding distance. Mr Edward Heath, down public expenditure in general, but then oppose partimt. The unease covers most of the parliamentary party.

The immediate explanation is that the Government'a actions have, inadvertently or not, hit the direct interests of bard-core Tory - supporters. MPs have been inundated with letters and phone calls from constituents, not merely from the usual pressure groups and spokesmen but also from the flices and members of their

local party associations. The proposal on student grants has aroused most anger. For instance, the change will mean an increase in parental contributions of £738 per child

supporters' idea of wealth and, indeed, the sacrifice can be greatest at around this figure: the earnings level of many local Tory stalwarts and not a few Tory MPs. And the critics argue that the increase is unfair. Coming in next autumn it will affect students in the middle of courses and severely squeeze the finances of middle-income parents who have planned on the existing basis, especially the existing basis, especially The critics' view is that the Ian Gilmour and Mr Pym have strongly represented among the thought that their seats might those with more than one child current means of deciding only limited contact with each 1983 intake of Tory MPs, be in danger.

Backbench unrest

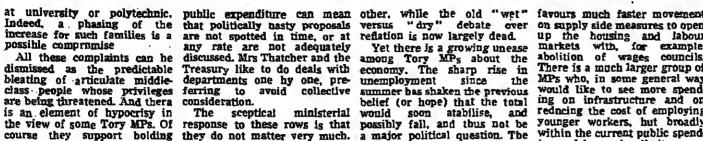
The Tory hair-shirt is starting to itch By Peter Riddell.

Political Editor

Indeed, a phasing of the increase for such families is a possible compromise

All these complaints can he dismissed as the predictable bleating of articulate middle-class people whose privileges are being threatened. And thera cular cuts that affect them In some respects the series of rows do represent a defensive response by MPs concerned with keeping their Parliamentary acats in the face of agitation by local special interests groups. But that is how politics works and it is up to ministers to persuade their supporters that the eventual gains are worth the immediate sacrifices. One of the atrongest arguments of the critics is that the changes have been put forward without sufficient consideration of the wider political implica-tions. In short, are the small financial gains-£39m at most next year on student grants and an for a family with gross earn-ings of £23,000 a year. the odd million pounds bere or there from the British Council That income is not most Tory and the BBC external services oppos worth all the political aggravation? The student grants

issue was not considered collectively by ministers, many of whom are horrified by the big divisions. subsequent protests. The decision was taken by Sir Keitb Joseph, Education Secretary, after his hllateral talks with Mr Peter Rees, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, on the overall education budget.



WHAT THE INCREASES WOULD MEAN

PARENTS WITH a residual income (gross, less marigage interest, superannnation, life assurance and similar payments) of less than £13,000 a year will from next antumn pay less than now. But above that contributions will rise sharply-at £20.090, an extra £488 per child, and at £25.000 an extra £904. After that the contribution will rise from £1 extra for every £6 of additional income to £1 for every £4. However, a limit of £4.000 a family will protect parents with several children. From next autumn, minimum grants (now £205) will disappear altogether, though hetter-off families will have to pay np to £529 in tmition fees.

On this view, the revolts reflect prospect of further increases bas the frustration of impotent and led to a questioning of the hored hackbenchers filling the Treasury's view that there is no vacuum left hy the absence of choice but to stick to the effective parliamentary present strategy.

But so far this has not led to The arguments have also any great increase in support been mainly about accond-rank for that hard-core of critics, /or issues. On the big question-the all the attention given to their speeches hecause of their former ministerial emineuce. miners' strike, the power of the trade unions, the economy and Most Tory MPs clearly do not believe that large-scale expanforeign policy-there are not It is also true that the revolts sion is the answer and would bave been disparate and not anyway like the "great men" linked—a critic one day has to be more specific about their been a loyalist the next. And proposals. Instead what they there is no leadership or want to see is some response there is no leadership or want to see is some organisation. Even the hard-from the Government. core critics like Mr Heath. Sir The free-market group,

prietor and editor-in-chief.

pursuit of 12 performances of the Mahler symphony, sitting in on final rehearsals. He was on final rehearsals. He was greatly taken by a Solti record-

ing of the work. so he flew to London and managed to win a

Anyone who has had any dealings with Kaplan can envisage the attention to detail that lay behind this strange

Odyssey-the meticulous letters that follow each chance meeting or offhand remark, the impeccable preparation of his

every movement, the invitation of powerful financiers to smart

dinners where they know they

Kaplan has always intultively

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lesson from him.

up the housing and labour markets with, for example, abolition of wages councils. There is a much larger group of MPs who, in some general way would like to see more spending on infrastructure and on reducing the cost of employing younger workers, hut broadly within the current public spend ing and borrowing limits.

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It is, of course, possible to exaggerate the significance of these rumblings. The Government will no doubt carry on with its strategy largely unmodified, secure in the knowledge that a dozen or so rehels will hardly dent its 140-plus

Commons majority. With the opposition parties so divided it is tempting for ministers to say that disillusioned Tory supporters have nowhere else to go. But during Wednesday's House of Lords dehate on the possible extension of VAT to books, the historian Lord Blake pointed to the re-mark of Lord Salisbury when Prime Minister: "It is all very well to say that they must vote for you, hut they will not work for you and you will find it out in the polls."

So in many ways the happiest people at Westminster this week have been Dr David Owen of first result of this unease will be a strong Liberal showing at the Southgate by-election on December 13. Nothing affects politicians more than

Britain's piano industry

Why Kemble is playing in tune with Yamaha

By Walter Ellis

IN 1945, the world piano them market lay at Britain's feet. Ke The Axis powers. Germany, f3m in own-brand planos, bas Austria and Japan, bad all now followed a similar course, been defeated, and so determined was the UK Government to establish dominance that Kemble & Co, of Stoke New-ington, London, was forbidden which had just begun to manu-to sell any of its pianos on facture electronic organa in competition with Hammond.

Today, by contrast, two of Kemhle's three assembly lines are devoted to foreign makes. It produces top-quality, West German Schiedmeyers for the UR European and world markets, and this week it

announced that It has begun manufacturing for Yamaha, the Japanese world leaders, for whom Kemble has been imyears. But it still exports 50 per cent of its own-brand pianos.

Kemble, now based in Milton Keynes and employing a work-force of 100, has also heen responsible since the early 1970s for the manufacture and sale of planos for Chappell of Bond Street. Knights of Loughton, Bentley of Stroud and the eupboniously-named London firm of Whelpdale, Maxwell and Codd between them roughly equal Kemble's

output. The market for planos in Britain is little different from what It was in the 1950s. when some 12,000 units a year were sold, compared with between 10,000 and 11,000 in 1984. The worst sales were in 1960, when only 6,000 were sold, hut more than 90 per cent of those were of British manufacture.

Almost all top names on widespread sale at present come from the enemy side in World War II — the precise producers which Britain intenled should not recover their

markets: Yamaha and Kawai of Japan; Steinway, Bechstein, Ibach, Schimmel and Hoffman the Social Democrats and Mr of West Germany; Bluthner David Steel of the Liberals. and Zimmerman of East Ger-They are boping-and the many; Bosendorfer of Austria. Government is fearing-that the Finland has Fazer and Hellas, while Rameau is the sole survivor in France. Several West German makes,

including Steinway, are now in fact U.S.-owned. Joining them appears in retrospect to bave heen the only way of beating horder, have staged a strong

comeback and the Japanese are Kemble, with annual sales of hut in reverse order. In 1968, Mr Denzil Jacobs, the company's ted that the Japanese giant sell Yamaba upright planos in the UK. Some 500 were bought in Moog of the U.S., with its Poly the first year and business has

going from strength to strength. But the Japanese miracle is not just a story of good marketing and low prices, though of course they have got it right in both fields down the years. Yamaha bas been producing keyboard instruments since 1887. It established itself early on as the overall world leader in electronic instruments, yielding temporary leads in specific areas but never giving up the fight. Today it is dominant.

and Mini-moog instruments, is an important name in synthe-sisers, as is Roland of Japan grown steadily. Kemhle exwith its Jupiter 8 range. Yamaha, however, is catching up fast and has established itself as the leader in electronically-enhanced portable grand pianos, such as the CP 70 and CP 80. It has also made important advances in wholly electronic pianos, the "feel" of which is so Most recently, Yamaha has come up with the Clavinova, range, priced hetween £999 and Clavinovas play like £3.000. pianos hut can also masquerade as organs, harpsichords and a host of other instruments, not necessarily keyboard. The tone quality is superb. They are designed as serious instruments, not novelties, and Harrods repects to have sold around 800 ports a lot of interest in the run-up to Christmas. The store is selling one a day at present. The Kemble Grnup itself has never been other than family

ever, which bad been two-thirds

Kemble owned, hecame in June

sales this year of nearly £18m, up from £14m in 1983, and future increases seem assured

so long as the present instru-

ment boom continues, Kemble,

which bas been making pianos

since 1911, will continue to pro-

duce a range of standard instru-

ments, including two models

for Yamaha. It will also be

engaged in contractual work for

Yamaha-Kemhle sbould have

amaha uprights this year and as many as 250 grands.

By comparison, Kemble and Chappell uprights are now being made at a rate of 80 a nwned. Yamaha-Kemble, bowweek, and it is hoped to in-crease this figure beyond 100 in 1985. France takes nearly 500 a year, while Singapore and 60 per cent a Yamaha concern. Malaysia - a market which and New Zealand long ago fell to the Japanese, who, however, now face competition from the South Koreans.

Kemble's indirect export potential will be increased next year with the addition of Schiedmeyer to its range. So far, it has produced pianos for the Stutigart company for the UK other European manufacturers. With Yamaha it will work not only in the conventional field market only: now it is ready to take responsibility for the entire world market.

(Sviataslow Richler now plays While Britain, to a great exteot through Kemble, bas a Yamaha concert grand), hut in the increasingly complex and computer-alged world of elec-tronic music. The combination fought bard to keep its piano industry viable, the Germans, on both sides of their internal of old and new seems to be working.



Sir Keith Joseph on supply side measures to open



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How to be

a maestro

ANY businessman with cheque book and hide of sufficient thickness could conduct a Mabler symphony in public if be full he had to. A horrid vision of JR on the rostrum comes to

mind. But any sniggerers who go to the Royal Festival Hall a week tomorrow to hear the American publisher Gilbert Kaplan lead the London Symphony Orchestra will leave short-changed.

The man is an extraordinary perfectionist: it may be beyond perfectionss: if may be beyond the odds that he will win yet again the critical acetaim of his earlier performances in New York and Tokyo, but the multence will betreated to as full-bodied a performance of Mathana Saroud Survivous at would be a success. Mahler's Second Symphony as

most of them could want. All this business life, since founding the Institutional Inves-tor in 1957, Kaplan has pushed the boat out further and more ostentationsly than most people -but always in the carefully



Noteworthy: Gilbert Kaplan

verified certainty that it will to teach him to conduct the fioat

When

the stock market dumped the price of his company's shares in 1974 be bought the whole lot up himself, before Island. selling the group for some \$80m earlier this year. He simply knew that a well-run magazine catering to the burgeoning

for a morning-and business of international finance \$5,000 made his first dreaded appear-ance before musicians. The

wrote them

Unlike Heidemann, whose

He baa the jaunty self confi-

sition,

In the same way, when musi-cians pooh-poohed his idea of conducting his beloved Mahler Second as a celebration of his magazine's 15th hirthday-and his own 40th-he decided he would prove to himself that he could not do it and only then give the scheme np.

So he hired a young conductor great deal more of their pro- that.

long first movement from to behave like an influential memory. They worked for cight hours a day together for the whole of August 1981 at man. So when 2.500 rich and famous guests filed into a New Kaplan's holiday house on Long York concert hall in the autumn of 1982 the only man there who At the end of this crash knew he was not in for an excruciating demonstration of hnbris was Kaplan himself.

Yet not even he can have guessed that many of his hard nosed audience would he moved music they produced seemed to quite close to tears and that he would shortly prngress to public ovation in Carnegie Hall and have little to do with his baton and he became determined to ultimately to performances in other capitals. What might have put this right. He persuaded the orchestra to give a strictly private performance with him. been Kaplan's most astounding Suddenly the staff offices of act of self-promotion had his magazine abroad saw a become something more than

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MAYBE the most lurid chapters of 20th century history are not currently being rewritten in room 231 of Hamburg's civil court. On the other hand, though, a good deal of fun is being had by most people there with the conspicuous exception of past and present employees of Stern magazine.

The Hitler Diaries trial is now Into its fourth month. Its focus is shirting from the antics of those accused of the fraud to a marrely less titillating subject: just how it was that one of the biggest and once most presti-sions illustrated weeklies in West Germany was taken in by the century's most spectacular literary hour.

When Stern began its serialisation of the 60 diaries allegedly written by Hitler, readers will recall, the word was that historians of the Third Reich would have to start all over again. Even when they were revealed as fakes a few days. later, some theorised that the plant was a deadly subtle East sloc ploy to make it look as if



The truth, bowever, is rather simpler. The magazine was parted from \$3m and much of to deliver the forgery he would its reputation by two things. One, plainly, was its own greed first have to learn music. and gullibility. The second was the continuing existence of a subculture of Nazi freaks, only defence can be his naivety, Kujau is exulting in his fame.

without which the great gaffe could hardly have happened at all. That much has already heen

dence and pride in his work of the true comman. Even the latest court order sending him hack to prison during the prodisclosed by the testimonyhilarious at times-of the two ceedings (on the grounds that, main defendants; Gerd Heidewith known foreign connections. he might make a bolt for freethe onetime Stern Bloy to make it look as if reporter, occasionally known as dom to escape a long jail term) Cermany was rehabilitat- Spinase or "snooper," who dis-the Biltran or sumething covered the diaries and Konrad The trouble is that little of

and Heidemann attempt to push former nightclub owner and the blame on to each other, has Stuttgart dealer in memorashed light on where or how the hilia, who by his own admiasion Siern money went. Nor was much help provided by the evidence this week of Thomas They make a contrasting pair.

Distant and younger looking Walde, who until dismissal was than his 52 years, Heidemann Heidemann's immediate boss at still tries to look the part of the the magazine, as editor in charge of "contemporary distinguished journalist who charge of thought he was on to the real history."

thing. In court, though, he bas come over as a Third Reich junkie whose addiction Kujau But Walde did lift a tantalising corner of the curtain on the furious, and perilous, purwas only too happy to satisfy. suit of scoops on World War The fixes included paintings. even poems by the Führer, and Two. One hot item now is the whereabouts of the "Bernstein the pistol with which Hitler Room," worth \$50m and consistpurportedly committed suicide in 1943. Kujau apparently ing of amher, mosaics and paintings stripped from the summer toyed with the idea of offering residence of the Tsars near an entire opera hy Hitler, Leningrad by a German comentitled Wieland the Blackmando unit in 1941. "I've heard smith, which Heldemann was that it's under a car park in East eager to snap up-only to drop Germany," he told the court. the plan when he realised that

Heidemann, Walde recalled had also wanted to pick up the Martin Bormann trail in San Francisco. Alas, as Bild-Zeitung gleefully pointed out this week. Storn's jast revelation on that subject was in 1972. wher macazine reporters found the skeleton of Hitler's secre tary, proving he had died in Berlin in 1945. history is not easy.

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UK COMPANY NEWS

3i and Pru back £12m buyout of housebuilder

Companies and Markets

By Joan Gray

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3t (Investors in Industry) and Proventnre-the venture capital arm nf Prudential Portfolio Managers—are jointly under-writing a £12m management buyoul of Westhury Homes, the Chellenham based housebuilder.

"This is the first time twn institutions have got ingether to huy a company in this way." said 3i divisionat director Mr Ewen Macpherson. "We will now syndicate the deal among other institutions in the New Year the wide the cherchelding Year to widen the shareholding

haac." The plan is to bring in ten more institutional shareholders after Corisimas to reduce Pruventure and 3i's present stake venture and 31's present stake of 50 per cent each (after the seven Westhury directors' com-hiued holding of less than f1m) to a holding of 20 per cent each. 3i and Pruventure are also seeking a full stock exchange tusting for Westbury within two

years The two Institutions decided

on the unusual move of taking the risk of backing the buyout directly themselves — rather than the more usual route of relying on a broker to co-ordinate a syndicate of interested organisations — to make sure that the deal went through successfully, in the face of interest from other hnuse-huilders who wanted to buy the company.

"We've invested in several attempts at management buyattempts at management buy-outs in the past and seen them fail because they were unable to organise a firm offer to the vendor, whereas this arrange-ment made a firm offer to the vendor, Mr Rohert Joiner, pos-aihle," said Mr Macpherson. Proventure and Si decided to

Pruventure and 3i decided the invest in Westbury because they were impressed by its prowth record and management

team, he added. Westbury plans to build 1,700 houses this year compared to 360 a year ten years ago, and turnover in 1984 was £45m with pre-tax profits amounting to £3.6m. The company emolays 350 people directly and 1,600 subcontractors.

The company will be headed by Mr Richard Fraser, who joined in 1973 and has beeo a director since 1978,

Mr Fraser bas no plans at present to change the company's halance of building two thirds of Its output as smaller "starter" homes and one third slightly larger detached houses.

Technology for

Business placing Technology for Business, the USM-quoted supplier of com-puter systems for the legal profession, bas announced details

Candover Investments, the UK scrihed to its modest £100,000 nanagement buy-out specialist, equily base, will bring some fresh colour the Mr Rohio Leigh Pemberton, Candover investments, the UK managemeot buy-out specialist, will bring some fresh colour to the investmeot trust sector when it goes public with a quotation on the Stock Exchange next month.

Its main activity is arranging syndicated financings, niainly for management buy-outs of which the largest single example was the f40m buy-out organised for William Timpson, the sboe

maoufaclurer. Caodover also makes investments in young companies hold in the UK and overseas, which it judges to have exciting growth polential.

The company is planning to rome to the market primarily to gain authorised investment trust status which gives an exemption from capital gains tas. The company will then be freer In re-invest in new ventures some of the large unrealised gains it has achieved from earlier iovestments.

The enhanced status of a public quotatioo should also add credibility to the company when dealing with larger conglo-merates planning a diveatment of a subsidiary. Mr Roger Brooke, chief execu-

BSI lifts

East Lancs

bid again

By Atexander Nicott

tive, set up Candover just four years ago with the backing of a number of institutions, which put up a total of £2m of low coupon loan capital and sub-

Mr Rohio Leigh Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, receotly described huw "remark-ably successful" the company had been "comhiniog new ideas and skills with capital drawn from establiahed City sources." At the end of the year to December 31, 1983, the net asset value per share was £35.75p



tbased on the directors' valuation of the unquoted invest-ments) compared with £4.70p at Candover has seen two of its management huy-outs come successfully to the market. The first was DPCE Holdings, followed more recently by Stone

International. The size of the maoagement Candover has grown itself and is usually for al least fim. Man-agement huy-outs have been described as a fashion which will pass, a view which Mr Brooke firmly rejects. He has noticed, however, that the circumstances

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reasons, occurring to the depths of the recession." Stone, for example, was bought from the receivers of Stooe Platt, the textile machinery manufacturer. "Now, atmost all the buy-out proposals are strategic divest-ments from groups which want to concentrate no their core business," he said. Candover has an expaoding

Alison Hogan looks at Candover ahead of next month's SE listing

Brushing tax restraints aside

Candover has an expaoding learn of experienced staff headed by Mr Brooke and Stephen Curran, deputy chief executive, a chartered accountant who used to he with the National Coal Board pension fund

Mr Brooke gained experience of venture capital and 6nancial structuring in his years at the Industrial Reorganisation Corporation and as managing director of a European venture capital concern called Scienta. Candover has watched closely the U.S. venture capital scene which is much larger and more established than in the UK. It has for sometime participated jo

some management buy-outs or "leveraged financing" uodertaken hy Forstmann Little, a New York 6rm. The link not only atlows the company to participate in interesting investmeot opportunities but to keep abreast of developments in the

vear it developed a of the huy-out are changing. He said that "many of the based organisation. Chappell & the equity will be offered for sale early but-out were, for distress Co, which specialises in the fund- by stockbrokers, Cazenove & Co.



executive of Candnver.

ing of advanced technology businesses. Candover invests small amounts of between \$50,000 and \$100,000 (£\$3,000) in some of Chappell's ventures. When Candover 6oes public, it

will show a very substantiat increase in net assets over the 55.9m it had at the end of December 1983, probably includ-ing an element from the cunversion of some loan stock into

Tyne Tees counts cost of C4

AN INCREASE of 23 per cent in full year operating profits at Tyne Tees Televiston Holdings was whittled down to just under 14 per cent at the pre-tax level after a sharply higher Channel 4 subscription of £8,72m (£fi.4m). All but £4,000 of Type Tees

British Syphon Industries yes-terday put in its fourth and final 22.33m advance in operating pro6is was siphoned off by the subscription, but a reduction in hid for East Lancashire Paper Group after the target's talks with a mystery third party ended the Exchequer levy from £1.37m to £1.05m enabled the company to return a bigher taxable result

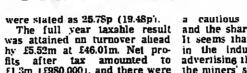
without an offer heing made. Mr Bryan Morrall, chairman of BSI, a holding company, of which the main subsidiary makes of £2.6m against £2.29m. Despite the higher subscrip tinn, which is expected to be reduced in the current year foldrinks dispensing equipment, said the new offer had been made lowing proposals from the IBA. Tyne Tees' results in the second final hecause BSI wanted to make its position clear and to quell market speculation. Under takeover timetable rules, a final offer could not be made after ball of the year to September 30 1954 were better than anticipated.

At the interim stage profits before tax were up from £1.55m to £2.01m hut the company said it would be optimistic to expect a better than breakeven result in the traditionally lower revenue earning second half.

offer could not he made after next Tuesday. The new bld, increased for the second time in a week, includes the same six-for-five share ex-change offered on Monday. But the cash alternative is raised to 100p per share, from 96p, valuing East Lancs at £5.45m, aod a loan note alternative is offered for the first time.

East Lancs shares fluctuated widely yesterday, dropping to 102p after news that the unideotified third party had pulled out, then rising to around 110p after Mr Ian Wassrerman's G. M. Firth disclosed that it had

the first time.



disappoioting national advertis-ing figures for October and November. Clearly, the industry will have to do well to compen-

of the new team may well he balanced hy the reduction lo Tyne Tees' share of Channel 4

funding. For the year, the com pany is likely to make uochanged pre-tax profits, which on a similar tax charge, puts the shares on a multiple of six, a fair discount to the sector given Type Tees' base in the depressed

R. P. Martin shares soar on bid approach

The share price of R. P. Marita, the foreign exchange and currency hroker, snared 80u in 390p vesterday as the group revealed that discussions were taking place with a number of parties, including the management, which may or may not lead (n an nffer fnr the hroker. Martin has a market capitalisation of £37.7m.

Mr David MeWilliam, managing director, said vesterday that the group was also invalved in talking with, among others. "the management of the company" who were attempting to launch a huyout.

Among the outside parties rumoured to he interested in R. P. Martin are Security Pacific, a Calfornian hank which has interests in Hnare Govett, a Londnn stockhrok-er. and Charles Putley, a

johher. Mr MeWitliam said that he hoped that the move by the management "will not be interpreted as any division within the group."

Three years ago Martin forged a merger with Bier-hanm & Cn., Dusseldorf, a German money hrnking group. Hierhaum owna 45 per cent of the Martin stock, which gives It effective voting control. The remaining stock is owned 9.5 per cent by Tauche Remnant, 10.5 per cent by the Merchant Navy Officers Pension Fund, and the rest by smaller sbarcholders. Martin holds 55 per cent of the voting rights of Bterhanm

and is entitled to 63.29 pcr cent of the profits and losses after paying incentive honnses to certain employees.

French Kier agrees £3.7m for R. Moss

French Kier, the civit enginecring group, has agreed a £3.7m bid for Rohert Mass, The primary offer is in cash at 340p per share, although accepting Moss shareholders may elect to take Kier shares on the hasis of Kier for every three Moss shares. This opting extends to only balf Moss's equity although the allocation will be varied depending on the scale of the cash election. The 340p ordinary cash offer per share compares with the top price of 150p per Moss sbare over the last 12 months and net assets of 379p per share at the December 1983

ENTS DU Heron breaks new ground with Ecu 40m floating rate note

BY PETER MONTAGNON, EUROMARKETS CORRESPONDENT Mr Goldman added that Heron

leron International, the privalely-owned trading and pro-perty concern, has become the tirst British company to issue 1 floating rate bond denominated in Ecus, the currency basket of the EEC.

Its Ecu 4fin (£24m), seven year issue launched yesterday ihrough Banque Indosuez of Paris, also breaks new ground by being the first Ecu-denomina-ted bond to come with warrants ttached that allow investors to buy additional paper in the fuliire.

British companies have generally shied away from the rapidly growing Ecu bond market which now accounts for about a third of all new Euro-bond business, though fixed rate issues have been launched by Rank Xernx and Investors in Industry.

Mr Atan Goldman, Heron Finance Director, said yesterday that borrowing in Ecus was, however, a convenient way of financing the group's property assets in Europe while at the same time minimising exchange risk.

The Ecu is a composile currency made up of fixed amounts of the currencies of EEC memher states. This nicans it is less liable than individual currencies to fluctuate sharply in exchange

markets.

har Goloman adoed that Heron had consen to launch a floating rate issue in Ecus rather than a fixed-rata bond because it be-heves that interest rates are set. to fall. Its bond will bear interest at a margin of 3 per cent above the London interbank offered rate for three-month Eru deposits. Bond market dealers said this

is an exceptionally generous margin which reflects the fact that Heron is a relatively un-familiar name to European investors. Most buyers of the noise are expected, however, to, be-banks who will finance their holding in the money markets. Their return will be increased if they sell the arromneying

if they sell the accompanying warrants which entitle the hulder to purchase an 11 per cent lleron international bood matur-ing in 1997. The warrants bave special appeal to investors who want to gamble on interest rates

dropping. If rates do drop Heron could find itself having to issue the 11 per cent bonds to investors It per cent bonds to investors exercising the warrants. This is a high rate even by today's standards, hut the validity of the warrants is limited to three years and the interest rate on the new hond will he reset in

Mr Goldman added that Heron also planned to lodge its own interest risk in the market.

Dixons victory in High Street battle for Currys

BY CHARLES BATCHELOR

Dixons, the photographic and electrical retailer, yesterday put the scal on its £248m takeover of its High Street rival Currys with an announcement that it had increased its atake to 51.44 per on Thursday Dixons claimed

effective victory in the eight-week contest with a holding of 50.5 per cent in Currys but a 2 bo,5 per cent in Chrys but a 5 per cent block of shares still had to he registered in the names of their new owners. This prevented Morgan Grenfell, Dixons' mer-chant bank, from declaring that the hid had gone unconditional. Morgan Crenfell said yesterday that the 51.44 per cent bolding included ooly registered shares and the bid was now uncondi-

tional. Acceptances amounted to 36.8 per cent while Dixons also owns 14.6 per cent. Dixons shares rose 6p yester-day tn 434p while Currys fell 4p

to 5290. Dixons' reviaed offer comprises two of its own shares Currys' shares.

Morgan Crenfell said it had added the 2 per cent holding of uoregistered shares to its claimed stake in Currys in Thurs-

day because of the close-tun nature of the bld battle. With the Curry family holding a comhined 30-40 per cent stake in the company (30 per cent stake in the company (30 per cent by Dixons' reckoning and 40 per cent by Curry's own prochained cent hy Curry's own reckoning) Dixons was effectively left to bid for a majority from the outstand-ing 60-70 per cent.

Normally shares which had changed bands during the course of the battle and which remained unregistered with their new owners would be left out of the hid equation, Morgan Greatell sald

Currys and its advisers S: G. Warburg yesterday noted Dixons' statement that its offer was unconditional and said they would be advising shareholders shortly on what action to take.

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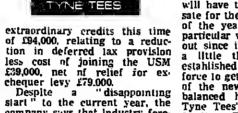
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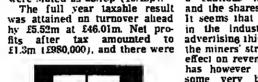
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company says that industry fore-casts suggest that growth in advertisiog revenue from ITV aod Channel 4 will be no less than inflation.

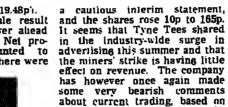
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W. Morris £3m wallpaper deal



sate for these months in the rest of the year, and Tyne Tees in particular will have its work cut out since it will inevitably take a little time for the newly-established independent sales force to get going. But the costs

Type Tees, which joined the USM last December, is paying a final dividend of 7.5p, making a 10.5p total. Earnings per share



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Stockhrokers Creene and Co to 84p, valuing its share offer	market of 100m rolls a year and	up to a further £1.7m for stock.	makes 6m rolls of wallcoverings	last year and the gronp is now	profits and called on share-	
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Shareholders registered on offer and had no comment yes-	1984 after two years of losses.	of one-for-two at 24p per share.	director of Leyland Wallcover-	stated criterion of geographi-		••
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Take-over bids and deals

Regional newspaper group United Newspapers launched a agreed hld for Exchange and Mart owners Ling House Publics tions. United is offering 247 of its own ahares for every 10 Link, valuing the latter at over £90m. Shareholders in Link including the board and their families, have accepted in respeof about 60 per cent of the equity.

A £44m bid by Intasun Leisure for Comfort Hotels and International was shrugged aside by Comfort which immediately launehed an agreed uffer of its uwn fur fellow hoteliers Prince of Wales Hotels. Intasun is offering two of its own shares plus 130p cash for every five Comfort shares: Comfort's bid of 98 of its shares for 54 Prince of Wales has heen accepted by Taddale

Investments, which owns 51 per cent of PoW. London and Midland Industrials made an agreed bid for hospital equipment and light engineering concern Hoskins and Horton. The terms of eight LMI shares for every five Hoskins and Horton value tha latter at £7.47m. The LMI hid tops an earlier contested offer for H& H from Scottish Heritahle Trust. LMI has the backing of the Hoskina' directors, but Scottish Heritable already has control of nearly 30 per cent of the Hoskins

equity and is presently considering its position. Tha battle for control of Culleus Stores, the loss-making grocery and off-licence chain, intensified this week as two of the three contenders increased their offers. Original hidders Whatling (105) raised its hid to £7.94m, hut Mr Lewis Cartier's

Aromagiade then stepped-up its offer to £2.2m. St Pauls Stores, tha third hidder has, as yet, made no fresh moves. Scottish and Newcastle Brewerics made a recommended offer for Moray Firth Maltings, the USM-quoted Sculeh whisky malt producer, valuing the Inverness-hased company at f22.1m. S& X already hold a 29.34 per cent atake in Moray, most of which was acquired last August. The terms are 11 S&N shares for every four Moray and S&N already hava enough acceptances for control.

Company bid for	Value of bid per share** :	Market price**	Price before bid	Value of bid £m's**	Bidder
	rices in pe	nce unies	a otherwi	se indicat	ad.
Advance Services	1164	113	123	6.57	BET
Anglo-Scot Inv	11	158	156	21	Japan Assets
Atlanta Inv	136	133	91	5.45	Grovebell
Bath & Portland	2415 55	284	225	38.34	Beazer (C. H.)
BPM 'A'	1674*§	165	128	1.12	Yattendon Inv Ts
BPM 'B'	162+**	158	128	S.76	Yattendon Inv Ts
Bridgewater Esis			280	18.22	Peel Holdlugs
Comfort Intal	7155	74	67	44.32	Intasun Leisure
Cullen's Sta Ord	460†	510	435	4.60	Aromaglade
Cullen's Stra 'A'	345†	370	330	3.45	Aromaglade
Cutlen's Sts Ord	440*	510	36511	4.40	Cuilen's Hidga
Cullen's Strs 'A'	340"	370	26011		Cullen's Hidgs
Cullen's Sts Ord	4207	510	435	4.20	St Panis
Cullen's Strs 'A'	3051	370	330	3.05	St Panls
Currys	53655	529	311		Dixons
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		hid per share**	Market prica**	bid	£m's**	Bidder	-
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00	East Lancs Paper	1015	104	60	3.67	Hritish Syphun	<u> </u>
k.	Elsnn & Rnhhins	81455	78	68	8.07	Hartons Greup	Allied
ct	Glanfield Lawree	491**	52	49	3.60	Gregory Sers	Hasset
CL.	Gordon & Gotch	140*	140	122	6.40	Hrid & Wkly Tms	Beech
	Harrison, T. C.	74*	69	49	16.70	Harrison, T.C. Grp	Brickh
nđ	flavters	170*5	190	12511	1.95	Tomkins F.H.	
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SUMMARY OF THE WEEK'S COMPANY NEWS

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17.52 Octupus Puhtahg 16.34 Smith (David S.) Webster Group 13955 Western Brd Mills 309 90 220 295 • All cash offer. † Caah alternative. ‡ Partial hid. § For capital not already held. ¶ Unconditional. •• Based on November 30, 1984. †† At suapenaion. §§ Shares and cash. ¶¶ Relatad to NAV to be

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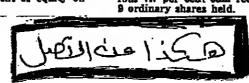
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Company	Year to		ax pro6t £000)	Ear	niugs* per sh		deuds* >)
Botton Text Mills	April	92	(105)	1.1	(1.2)	-	()
Borthwick & Soua	Sept	4.190	(3.800)	3.4	(7.3)	0,5	(0.01)
Carr, John (Donc)	Sept	7.820	(7.0501	6.7	(5.9)	1.45	(1.24)
Crontie Group	Sept	302	1	_	(—)	_	()
Fenner, J. H.	Sept	6.070	14.500)	11.7	(3.5)	5.0	(5.0)
CL	Sept	56,100	(46.500)	6,0	16.7)	0.5	10.S)
MEPC	Sept	45.150	(40.410)	13.6	(11.5)	9.0	(6.0)
Nurth Hrit Steel	Sept	3,130L		L —	()	_	(1.11)
Piccadilly Radio	Sept	441	(429)	4.4	(4.0)	3.75	(<u> </u>
Radlo City	Sept	261	(501)	6.4	(10.61	5.6	(5.6)
Ryl Bak of Scut	Sept	131,300	(95,630)	32.0	(42,1)	6.5	(7.4)
relecomputing	Sept	403	(300)	10.1	(10.7)	0.65	(<u>)</u>
Funkinsons	Sept	358	(908)	11.1	(30.5)	5.0	(5.0)
United Wire Grp	Sept	2,030	(836)	13.4	(8.16)	6.25	(5.75)

(Figures in parentheses are for the corresponding period) Dividends are shown net pence per share, except where **Otherwisa** Indicated

Rights Issue Offers for sale, placings and introductions

Rex Williams Leisure-Placing of shout 55 per cent of equity on USM.



Company	Half-year to		tax pro6t £000)		lividends* are (p)
Allied Lyons	Sept	100,800	(90,500)	2.6	(2.42)
Hassett Foods	Oet	1,520	(1,020)	1.68	(1.05)
Beechams	Sept	142,800	(127,400)	5.1	(4.6)
Brickhse Dudiey	Sept	765	(279)	0.95	(0.95)
Barrough, James	Aug	4.040	(3,980)	3.0	(3.0)
Cable & Wireless		109,000	(87,000)	2.9	(2.4)
		3,080	(1.360)	1.0	(1.0)
Carless Capel	Sept	3,000 11L	· ····		(—)
Celestion Inds	Sept		(1,920)	1.0	(1.0)
Century Otls	Sepi	148			
Chambertain Chr		2,550	(2,020)	1.1	(1.1)
Chiorida	June	5,400	(3,100)	_	()
CML Microsystm		701	(395)	_	(—)
Coun. Gent Assoc		132	(121)	1.4	1-2
Courtanida	Sept	54,300 388	(47,700) (649)	0.6	(1.2) (0.6)
Cropper, James	Sept	12,640	(8,940)	2.6	(0.6)
Dawsou Intl	Sept Nov	17,070	(12.240)	2.25	(1.75)
Dee Corp	Sept	5.820	(4.210)	1.5	(1.2)
Dunhill Hldgs Erskine House	Sept	610	(338)	0.6	t—)
Evans of Leeds	Sept	2.010	(1.827)	1.38	(1.25)
Habital/Mthreare		12,630	(10,525)	2.4	(2.0)
Hargreaves Grp	Sept	2.820	(1,900)	2.0	(1.75)
Hitl Thomson	July	483	(473)	_	(—) [*]
Iltingwith Morris	Sept	1,880	(1,110)	_	(—)
Meadow Farm Pro	d Sept	379	(238)	1.9	(—)
Moorgate Merc	Sept	401	(320)	0.45	(0.4)
Nat Elec Constru		536	(447)	5.0	(5.0)
Parktand Text	Aug	910	(807)	1.6	(1.6)
Property Part	Sepi	561	(488)	3.3 3.58	(3.0)
Redland Regulatek Group	Sept June	48,700 243	(<u>41,900</u>) (—)	3.08	(3.33)
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(2.42) (1.05) (4.6) (0.95) (3.0) (2.4) (1.0) () (1.0) (1.1) () ()	Monday. Croup taxable profits rose from £3.02m to £3.47m in the six months to September on sales up from £29.17m to £32.96m. Operating profits in the concrete and quarrying division climbed from £3.12m to £3.58m on turn- over up from £23.4m to £26.62m, while the engineering division'a contribution rose from £212,000 to £256,000 on sales up from £5.77m to £6.33m. Tax takes £969,000 (£606,000), and earnings are up from 15.47p	new hot isostatic press will raise the metal subsidiary's capacity threefold, hringing economies of scale which will be a much- needed prop to the engineering division's margins and allowing HIP to diversity economically into low cost alloy products. Around £64m looks in reach for the group this year, which leaves the shares on an undemanding exrights multipla of eight- assuming a 30 per cent tax charge-for a 54 per cent yield.
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between 50 per cent and 60 per

cent next year, and has ordered a 12 fim bot isostatic press for producing high performance metal components to be delivered

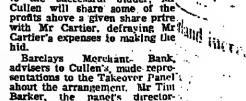
Dealings in the new shares are

of battle for Cullen's BY ALEXANDER NICOLL MR JOHN FLETCHER, who Mr Cullen's sharebolding is sold currently builds the balance in a three-sided bid battle for Cullen'a to the successful bidder, Mr Cullen will share some of the

stores, said last night that an unidentified fourth party with whom be had held tentative talks was no longer interested in making an offer for Cullen's. Speculation about another another hidder had helped_to boost Cullen's share price. The voting shares gained a further 5p yesterday tu fil0p, against the 460p casb alternative offered hy Mr Lew Cartier, the 440p bid from three former Imperial Group arcoutter, and the day (---) (3.15) (0.9) 10.25) 12.34) (1.0) Group executives, and the 420p offered by Mr Fletcher the former Asda stores chief.

It was disclosed yesterday that Mr Cartier, unce head of a super-markets chain, had struck an unusual profit-sharing agreement with Mr David Cullen, a fornter Cullen's director who has teamed up with him and pledged the 24.5 per cent holding in Cullen's for which he speaks to the Cartier

If the Cartler offer fails and



Barker, the panet's director-general, said takeover, rutes-barred individuat shuseholders from getting favourable treat-ment, but that the Cartier/ Cullen agreement dtd not treat Mr Cullen favourshiy, The panel

has eleared it. More than 80 per cent of DIVIDE ND Cullen's voting equity is either owned by, or committed to, one of the three competing bids, Mr Fletcher's holding, 10 per cent of votiog shares and 20 per cent of non-voting, holds the key to breaking the deadlock especially as he has not yet increased his initial offer. He is expected to decide on a course of action next, week.

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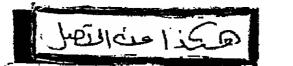
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Lager will egain be making all the running for Rass when it un-veries on Thursday its figures for the year to September. It accounts for around 44 per cent of group beer sakes and provides the only growth area in an other-wise suggant market. Bass traditional beers, however, are thought to have outperformed the industry at least in volume terms thanks to the strength of their brand identity and an sive attack on the Scottish aggressive stiack on the Scottish market. A strong performance is expected from Crest Hotels in buoyant tourist trade, although Pontins margins will be under pressure from widespread price cutting in the holiday business and Coral Racing will have found that punters have had the upper hand during a long hot summer in which the horses bave been running to form. Overall, the City is looking for a rise in tarable profits from £175m to about £320m, with the total dividend rounded up from 11.36p to 13p net.

Ferranti will complete an active week for tha electrical sector when it releases its results for the six months to September on Thursday. Since 40 per cent of its output goes to the Ministry of Defence, the City feels there Is litle scope for error in forecasting a rise in pre-tax profits from £14,8m to around £18m, although a rising tax rate indicates that earnings will grow at a slower pace. The main trading features should be a recovery in the UK semiconductor market with a continued expansion in defence work, especially for the Scottish division and Ferranti. Computer Systems. The bad apple in the basket will be an anticipated \$200,000 lose from dividend from a restated 0.44p Rubber follows with finals on

House (Tuesday), will be Whether the profit from the P & O stake will be taken above or below the line. This could make a difference of about £13m to the pre-tax figure, which part of 1954's increase coming from the first full-time contribution from the oil and gas division cont. Picker International through the 1 per cent Forties an making headway to the stake and Candecca. Contracting with its new cancer commer, and shipping should be fist white the property and housebuilding interests will be ahead, in the latter case thanks to the doubling

> acquisition of Comben From now on the company is expected to go through an earnings plateau before the next phase of growth begins, probably in 1986.

64.4m and a continuing improve-

ment in the trading environment, analysts have been scaling up their forecaats for Hanson Trust, whose preliminary results are due Thursday. The percentage improvement in the second half improvement in the second half will not be as great, but the concensus is shill for year-end profits up from £91.1m to eround £165m. Allders will be in for the first time, as will London Brick, with the rest of the UK business showing general improvements, particularly Ever Ready, Butterley and Lindus-tries. The U.S. results will be mixed; interstate's food service should be making progress but Hygrade will reflect the sale of the casings division. U.S. In-dustries will also be coming in for the first time in the second half. The North American interests will obviously get a significant boost from favourable exchange movements.

The cost cutting in the indus-trial gases business and a reorganisation of its health care division by BOC should result in a strong improvement in pretax profits for the year to September, when they are announced on Thursday. BOC announced on Thursday. BOC continues to have trouble with its welding business though the recent U.S. disposals will go some way towards solving the problem of overcapacity. Costs of sorting out the welding business and problems facing the carbon graphite side due to the

strong dollar, have tended to shade earlier forecasts to around £135m pre-tax compared with £95.8m last year. The figure does not include profits of around £15m arising from the sale of a stake in Oxford Instruments which will be treated as an extraordinary item. The net dividend Spectrum Ceramics, the troubled U.S. semiconductor packaging subsidiary disposed of in Septem-ber. Analysis are looking for an increase in the net interim and Hambros its interims. Avon

to 0.53p. One of the question marks sur-rounding the preliminary Thursday, Nottingham Brick will abnounce its full-year profits.

HNG pays \$800m for Florida gas pipeline By Our New York Staff

HOUSTON NATURAL GAS (HNG), the big diversified energy group which recently underwent a major management reshuffle, is paying \$800m cash for e gas pipeline system in Florida and related interests.

HNG is buying the 4,300-mile Florida Gas Transmission System, the sole supplier of natural gas to Florida, from the Kiewit-Murdock Investment group which is in the process of selling off parts the Continental Group, Πf bought for \$2.7bn earlier this year.

> The latest deal means that the amount raised from the sale of Continental assets now totals \$1,2bn.

The acquisition is an important move for HNG which earlier this month agreed to pay \$390m for the Transvestern Pipeline Com-TEXTRON, the New England

pany. Southland, the world's biggest convenience store chain, is sharply reducing the output of its Lake Charles oil refinery in Louisiana, the tenth biggest refinery in the U.S., as a result of deteriorating market conditions.

undervalued. The Rhode Island-based Tex-Southland benght the refinery from Occidental Petrolenm in July 1983 as part of a \$1.2bn expansion tron announced yesterday that it was efferring \$47 per share in cash for Avco, which is based in Greenwich Connecicut. into petro) retailing. of \$2.3bn in the first nine

Crude oil runs at the refinery are to be cut from 258,000 barrels a day to 140,000 barrels and nearly half the 1,500 workforce is to be laid off.

\$1bn short term note by Nestle

By Peter Montagnon, Euromarkets Correspondent

NESTLE, the Swiss-based diversified foods producer, is raising \$1hn in the Euromarkets through a threeyear short term note facility led by Credit Suisse First Boston

The facility, the largest of the facinity, the largest of its kind for a prime corpora-tion, "will provide Nestle with a very finely priced and highly flexible financing package," Credit Suisse First

Boston said yesterday. The borrowing by Nestlé has been rumoured in the market-place for more than e week, although on Tuesday Herr Helmut Maucher, man-

Mazda plans \$450m plant in U.S.

BY ROBERT COTTRELL IN TOKYO

MAZDA Motor Japan's third-largest carmaker, be manufactured at Flat Rock. announced yesterday that it The likeliest choice is thought Canada. plans to build a \$450m vebicle to be Mazda's 626 Capella series. It also manufacturing plant in the U.S. at Flat Rock, Michigan. Production is scheduled to start in entirely new, and will ba autumn 1987, with a workforce of 3,500 and an annual capacity of 240,000 units.

Mazda is 24 per cent owned by Ford Motor of the U.S., and was known as Toyo Kogyo until May this year.

The investment will make it the fourth Japanese automobile company to set np U.S. produc-tion, after Nissan Motor. Toyota Motor and Honda Motor. Mazda is "negotiating with Ford to sell them a part of the plant output." Mr Kenichi Yamamoto. Mazda's president, said yesterday.

The company has not said

BY WILLIAM HALL IN NEW YORK

congiomerate has made e \$1.3bn

ffer for Avco, its more profit-

able New England rival. Avco has recently been trying to fend

off overtures from investors

who argue that the company is

Textron earoed \$79m on sales

months of 1984 while Avco

earned

\$2.1bn.

\$90.3m on sales of

Company, buy nor what types of car will quotations from 100 component knockdown car kits. 174,780 in carmaker, be manufactured at Flat Rock. manufacturers in the U.S. and 1983, which it assembles at 16 manufacturers in the U.S. and It also discussed labour issues

with the United Auto Workers The plant, to be built on a site bought from Ford, will be trade union, and says it has reached an "understanding" designed, built and operated by Mazda Motor alone. The company announced in January this year that it had begun a feasi-

bility study for U.S. production, and in March that it bad shortlisted three possible locations. Analysts believe that other options presented to, or con-sidered by, the company had included 3 aite in Greenville, South Carolina.

that Flat Rock was chosen because of its akilled local

providing for UAW participa-tion at Flat Rock.

Mr Yamamoto said yesterday

workforce, and good local sourcing of automotive components. As part of its feasibility

year fought off an unwelcome

\$1.6bn bid from Chicago Pacific,

said that its offer would enable Avco shareholders to realise a

very substantial premium for

at \$41? on Thursday and follow-ing Textron's bid rose another

looking at Avco since July 1984 several mooths before itself received the \$43 bid from

Chicago Pacific. Textron denied

that it was pursuing the bid

for Avco as a defensive move

\$43 to \$46 early yesterday.

Avco shares closed \$1 } higher

Textron said that it had been

all their shares.

Mazda produced 1.17m vehiclea in 1983 at its two plants in Hiroshima and Hofu, western Japan, this was 10.5 per cent total Japanese vehicle produc-

cent).

Textron in \$1.3bn bid for embattled Avco

Textron, which earlier this to insulate itself against take-

tion ranking the company third in Japan after Toyota (29.4 per cent) and Nissan (22.3 per

Mazda depeods more beavily on export sales than other Japanese carmakers. Measured by domestic new vehicle registrations in 1983, it ranked sixth in Japan after Toyota, Nissan, Milsubishi Motor, Suzuki Motor bow many cars it wants Ford to study, Mazda bad sought price and Honda. Mazda also exports

overs (Textron shares opened

\$2 down at \$321 yesterday fol-

The compaoy said that the

proposed deal would comple-

meot its exiating businessea and

fulfil certain long term goals.

Mr Robert Straetz, Textron's

chairman, said in a letter to

Avco's management yesterday

that he regretted that discus-

sions could not have been pur-

aued in private ahead of the announcement. But, he said, in

the light of recent significant

lowing the announcement.

plents worldwide.

Its share of the "voluntary"

quota regulating Japanese pas-senger cars to the U.S. is 173,500

out of a total 1.85m. The prospect of long-term external or internal con-straints on car exports to the U.S. has been a major factor in encouraging Japanese invest-ment in localised U.S. production.

Honda opened the first Japanese car factory in the U.S. at Marysville, Ohio, in 1982. In 1983. Toyota agreed on a \$200m joint venture with General Motors to produce cars at a plant in Fremont. California. while Nissan opened a \$660m truck plant in Smyrna, Teonessee, which is now being expanded for car production.

deal.

Norwegian seismic specialists to merge By Fay Gjester in Oslo

ANDENAES, the Norwegian group whose interests range from real estate through software and seismic surveying to helicopter transport, is merging its two Norwegian seismic subsidiaries with Geco, the Norwegian seismic survey company, in a deal worth a total of NKr150m (\$18m). Geco is issuing 130,000 new

shares with an approximate total value of NKr 25m, which Andenaes will receive in exchange for the two sub-sidiaries. Merlin Profilers (Acquisition) and Merlin Profilers (Processing). They will become part of Geco from January 1.

Andenaes will retain its UK seismic subsidiary, Merlin Profilers Ltd., but as part of the agreement with Geco its two seismic ships, the "Nine Profiler" and "Liv Profiler," will be sold to Kommanditt tax shelter companies which will hareboat charter them to Geco. These are expected to fetch about NKr 135m.

The deat will make Andenaes the 6fth largest shareholder in Geco with 3.6 per cent of its total share capital.

educational electronics activi-

ties to a new Norwegian-based

company, Tandberg Educa-tional, in which it will be

partnered by a former competi-

Auditec, a subsidiary of the

Finnish company Sponsor/ Telest, will have a 70 per cent

stake in the new venture and

Tandberg the rest. Mr Jarkko

Klemela, managing director of

for-Anditec of Finland.

offer and said it wanted to Last week Mosvold the Nor wegian shipping group, became ao important shareholder in Geco, buying 360,000 shares from Kongsberg Vapenfabrik remain independent. Textron stressed that it had the financing available for the

deal. Textron said it wanted to assure the continuity of Avco's senior management team and would expect it to play a sigdevelopments it was imperative nificant role in managing the that Textron announced its combined enterprise.

Earlier this week, Mr Irwin

Jacobs, the Minneapolls finan-

cier, revealed that he controlled

12 per cent of Avco and was

interested in taking the com-

pany over. Avco rebuffed the

Toronto-Dominion advances 9%

BY BERNARD SIMON IN TORONTO

TORONTO-DOMINION Bank, assets also strengthened signififth largest of Canada's bank- ficantly, to 5.10 per cent, one ing groups, raised net income 9.4 per cent 10 C\$355.8m amoog North American banks. (U.S.\$270ml in the year to October, from C\$325.2m last time. Earnings per sbare slipped from CS2.67 to CS2.64 reflecting an 11 per cent increase in the number of shares outstanding.

In the fourth quarter net earnings jumped from CS79.9m. or 66 cents a share, to CS93.4m, or 67 cents.

the big Canadian backs by pointed to a better business risk loans which affected t raising return on average assets climate in most markets and he quarter's results by C\$7.2m in the year from 0.74 per cent forecast " continued growth." to 0.80 per cent. The ratio of

operations fell by one fifth but of the stroogest positions Assets were C\$46.6bn at October 31, 10 per cent higher than a year ago. The increase occurred mainly in the second half of the year, reflecting higher consumer loans and residential mortgage loans to North American borrowers, and the impact of the declining Canadian dollar on foreign currency loans. Mr Richard Thomson, chair-

Loan losses grew by CS4m, 10

International losses jumped by 72 per cent due mainly to bigber bad debts on sovereign loans. The banks said that 78 per cent of its loans to Argentina have been classified as "non-accrual." Montreal based National Bank nf Canada lifted net income to C\$114.2m or \$2.84 per share in fiscal 1984 from C\$89m or C\$2.80 before extraordinary items.

The bank said that the small increase in fourth quarter profits from C\$27.3m to C\$28.8m, The bank confirmed its Mr Richard Thomson, chair was due mainly to past due ratings as the most efficient of man, said prospects for 1985 interest on various sovereign risk loans which affected the Return on average assets

reached 0.62 per cent, compared

and 100,000 from Det norske Veritas, the two companies which founded Geco and which until late last year, each had half its capital. The purchases make Mosvold Geco's third largest share-bolder with 12.7 per cent. • Tandberk, the Norwegian **Degussa lifts** consumer electronics company restructured after a bankruptcy some years ago, is hiving off its

profits despite fall in turnover By Jonathan Carr in Frankfurt

DEGUSSA, the West German precious metals and chemicals group, increased profits in the year to September 30 despite a fall in group turnover by 0.8 per cent to DM 11bn (\$3.6bn).

Auditec, will head the venture. Tandberg says the new com-The overall improvement was due to markedly better profits pany will bave about a third of in the chemicals sector, Degussa the world market for language said, but gave no details. laboratories, giving it an annual turnover of over NKrSom. For the 1982-83 year the Production will be co-ordin-

gronp increased net profit by 55 per cent to DM 90m and ated and component manufacture may in future be conraised its dividend by DM 1 to centrated in either Fioland or DM 9 a share.

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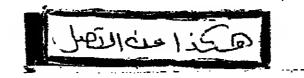
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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Dollar improves

The dollar rose strongly in in a relatively this market. The chiracting further commercial land figures closed at 142.9 up and speculative demand. News from 142.3. Against the D-mark of a \$6.700 rise in U.S. MI money it broke through DM 3.10 to supply for the last week finish at DM 3.1045, its best level supply for the last week finish at DM 3.1045, its best level increased the dollar's attractive, for six weeks and up from riess as the figure was much DM 3.0780 on Thursdey. It was hese as the ingure was intern Dist 5.0780 of thursday. It was harger than market estimates of also firmer against the Swiss is \$20n rise. The size of the franc at SwFr 2.5525 from SwFr increase added further weight 2.5285 and Y247.40 compared to the argument that U.S. with Y245.95. Against the French to the argument that U.S. with Y245. interest rates were likely to frame it cl bottom_out somer rather than FFr 9.42. frane it closed at FFr 9.49 from Jaler. Even ignoring this, there wine still a good commercial demand for dollars aheod of the fin New York

year end. Trading volume remained

-comparatively light nevertheless and this may beye inhibited the £ Bpot (61.975-1,1985; 81.2005-1.2010 1 month (0.10-0.09; pm)0.10-0.09; pm 5 months (0.15 0.11 pm) (0.18 0.16 pm 12 menths (0.32 0.32 dis 0.15 0.21 dis dollar's upward path to some extent as people were still very wary of the West German Bun-desbank and the possibility of Forward premiums and discounts apply sudden and sizeable dollar sales

OTHER CURRENCIES

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	2	5		Note Rates
Argentina Peso	177.20-177.50	147.55-147.57	Austria	25.00-26.30
Australia Dollar.	1.4020-1,4040	1.1655-1.1660	Selgium	74.65.75.45
Brazil Cruzeiro		3,814 2,828	Denmark	13.32-15.47
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Singapore Dollar			Switzerland	3.04-3.07
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* Selling rates,

EXCHANGE CROSS RATES

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French Franc 10 Swiss Franc	0.880	1.054 0,392	3,267 1,213	260.2 26.20	10. 3.714	2.522	3,683 1,368	2017, 749,1	1.395 C.51B	55.60 24,35
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trend and its index finished at INDEX Nov 30 Previous 74.9 up from 74.3. Septiment \$.30 am 74.4 was helped by firmer oil prices. 9.00 am 74.5 Against the strong dollar it was only slightly weaker at \$1.1975- 10.00 em 74.7 \$1.1985, a fall of 35 points. Con- 11.00 am 74.7 science of European currencies, 1.00 pm risiog to DM 3.7125 from 2.00 pm DM 3.7000 end SwFr 3.06 com- 3.00 pm pared with SwFr 3.0375. 4.00 pm 74_G 74.7 74.7

Sterling showed a firmer STERLING EXCHANGE RATE

POUND SPOT-FORWARD AGAINST POUND

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Belgurm	74.43-74.95	74.50-74.60	4-3c dis	-1.05 13.22 dis -0.94
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Ireland	1.1947-1.2000	1.1990-1 2000	0.44-0.60o die	- 5.20 1.42-1.67dra - 5.15
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Spain	206.50-237 70	206.55-206 75	30-50c dis	-2.32 145-170 dis -3.05
lialy	2289',-2304',	22913-22923	0-10II:e dis	-8.19 24-31 dis - 4.60
Nerway	10.69-10.75	10.72-10.73	17-2% ore die	-2 52 6'e-7's drs - 2.61
Ftance	11.32%-11.42 ¹ 2	11.36-11.37	'₁-1'₀c dia	-0.99 3-4's dia - 1.25
Sweden	10 52-10.591;	10 55%-10.56%		- 2.27 5'-6 dis - 2 15
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Austria	25 99-26,19	26.04-25.09	5'4-4' gro pm	Z 16 13%-10% pm 1.37
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33-11.45	Belguim	62.22-62.60	62.45-62.55	911c dis			-1.38
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LONDON MONEY RATES

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money was quoted at 913.91 per cent, unchanged from Thursday, while three-month eligible bank bills were bid a		ocal Aulh. leootiebia bonds	Local Autherity Deposits	Finance Heuca Deposita	S Cort el Depositsi	SDR Linked Deposits	ECU Linked Daposi
9! per cent, also unchanged from Thursday. Weekend inter bank money opened at 9:9; per cent and eased to 9-9; per con- where it stayed for much of the morning. Bates eased to 9-9; per cent on the Benk's assistance and then fell right away in ! per ceot. Late balances com	Die menth Two months Throo monthe Bix months Nine menths Ono year Two years Three ysars Feur years	1014 972 1014 915 1095 1095 10195		95a 9.a 9.1 9.1 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	8.6-8.9 8.9 0.0 8.0-9.1 9.4-9.5 8.5 8.7 9.5-10.1	B19-839 814-812 B17-874 B12-874 B12-976 B12-976 	918-9, 914-9, 214-9, 214-9, 938-9, 938-9, 974 910

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up of Treasury hills together draining 1548m and the unwind-ing of previous sole and repuragreements a further 2311m. There was also a rise in the note circulation of \$270m and backs brought forward malances £25m below target. Un the other hand Exchequer transactions added 1595m.

The forecast was revised to a £44m of Treasury bills and account the early help and the shortage of \$500m and the Bank \$120m of eligible bank bills all Bank gave additional help in gave assistance in the morning at 91 per cent and in band 4 the atternoon of \$145m, comof £455m, comprising purchases (64-91 days) £4m of Treasury prising purchases of £80m of of £1m of eligible bank bills in hills and £164m of eligible bank cligible bank bills in hand 3 at band 1 (up in 14 days) at 91 bills at 91 per cent. Per cent and £105m io band 2 The forecast was further at 92 per cent. It also provided 115-33 dayst at 93 per cent. In revised to a shortage of around late assistance of £550m, before taking iolo 9 total of £65810.

EURO-CURRENCY INTEREST RATES (Market closing rates)

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WEEKLY PRICE CHANGES REVIEW OF THE WEEK

November 30. Prev, close

to the U.S. dollar.

	Latest prices prices unless stated	Ch'nge on wegk	Year ago	: High	Low
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Gold depressed by stronger dollar

BY OUR COMMODITIES STAFF

GOLD PRICES, in dollar terms. Far Eastern buying interest and dropped this week in the lowest the strike at the Southern Peru level for nearly 21 years. The Copper Corporation, Loodoo bullion spot price last However, cloomy

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rould set a precedent for settle-ment of the other strikes op the Missouri lead "belt" hy workers at Amax and Si. Joe liesources, Helped by an easing in the recent shortage of imme-dialely available supplies, eash lead lost £27.5 to £335.5 a toome, while the three muchs quota-The most spectacular per-former antong the soft com-nvodities was the expiring November position on the London Potato Fullures Market. The world sugar market could set a precedent for settle-Cocea and coffee for tendering moved quietly mainly response to currency factors. December delivery U.S. dollar in spite of recent galos. Three months higher of storage space, prompted futures ended £22.50 down at cuts in American interest rates, grade copper ended the week nervous covering against £1.862 a tonne and January Disillusioned selling drove £19.75 down at £1.107.75 a earlier short sales and the coffee futures £13.50 down at dollar prices down, meeting tonoe, Lead values also dropped price rose dramatically. £2,295.50 a tonne. The UN £2,295.50 a tonne. The UN Committee on Trade and Development (Unctad) nounced yesterday that Degoti-alions for a new International Cocoa Agreement which were ever, with prices generally adjourned on November 2 will ending a little lower on the resume in Geneva on February 25 and continue till March 15.

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Closing prices (buyers): spot 53.500 (asme); Jan 71.50p (71.75p): Feb 72.25p PORK BELLIES 38,000 lbe, cants/ib C¹038 75.67 75.40 Low 73.72 73.57 74.75 74.75 72.90 72.40 72.40 Pre 73.9 73.8 74.8 74.8 72.5 73.2 73.2 High 75.75 Feb March _ _ 69.85 75.75 76.50 76.20 73.60 73.95 73.65 CRUDE Dit (LIGHT) 42.000 U.B. gallons, \$/barrels Jan 71.50p (71.75p): Feb 72.25p (72.50p). 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AMERICAN MARKETS

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	Quicksilver 176 lbs) Gilver per 02. 3 monthe per 02. Tin casir 3 months.	597.10p -28.00 600.05p -28.75 £9820 +65 £9787.5 +60 \$66.34 -	667.25p 681.55p £8667.5 £8002.6 678.12	594.40p 18825 18792.6 \$89,55	528,10p 544,50p £8370 £8517,5 674,43	ago. The decline in gold, and other procious metals, reflected the unexpected strength in the U.S. dollar In spite of recent cuts in American interest rates.
	Wolfram (22,04 Ib.) Zine cash 6 monthe Producere	£644.76 +7.5 £644.25 +4	3681.79 £587 £601.25 \$960	388/90 1£797.6 1£718.25 \$1050/1098		Disillusioped selling drove dollar prices down, meeting little buying resistance. Base metals quoted in sterling
	GRAINB Barley Futures	£113,25y +0,80	2122.50	£186,55	£105,55	on the London Metal Exchange
	Melze Prench	£145.00z	£146,00	£154.50	£145.00	had a mixed performance. Copper hit the highest levels
•	WHEAT Futures, Hard Winter Wheat	£114.00y + 0.40	£123.60	12130.00	2105.65 ÷	for 15 months early in the week following a further decline in
	SPICES Cloves Pepper, white,	53,400 - 53,100 -150	£6,300 83,200 \$9,176	\$5,600 \$3,500 \$2,350	£4,000 02,900 \$1,800	LME warehouse stocks. further
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	SEEDS Copra (Philippings)	8540x -	\$516 \$524	1865 13582	\$540 \$236,76	07, 05.5, 07. Kerb: Higher Grade: Three mentes C1,107, 07.5, 07. Alternoom: Higher Grode: Three monthe £1.107,
	OTHER COMMODITIES Cocca Shipments ; Cocca Futures Mar Coffee Futures Mar Cotton Index.	A1,839,5 +10 A2,947 +16	£1592 £1638.8 £1,905.6 89,250 £960	£2103,5 £2,512	£1,672,5 £1638 £1,899,61 72,00e £995	07.5, 07, 08, 08.5, 08, Kerb: Higher Grade: Three months £1.107, 05.5, 05, 05.5, 06, Turnover: 21,300 tonnes, U.S. Producerc: 62.50-68.00 cents e pound.
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	Rubber kilo		C280 \$650	910 4345 \$670	£285 \$550	COPPER Official) - Uneflicial;
	Sugar (Raw(Taoloca No. 1 Tea (gually) kilo,	\$118zu +1.6	£158 £516 2780	\$194 \$330 375p	\$105 \$295 857p	High Grde £ £ £ £ Cash 1098.0.5 +.0 1088.90 +1
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Gold tell \$2 an ounce from Theirs-Bay's close in the London builton mether yesterday to sroad its lowest lavel since July 1962 et \$328-339-3 The metal opened at \$328-359 and traded builtonen a high of \$708-329 traded between a high of \$329-330

LONDON FUTURES

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3, 32.5, 32, 31.5. Kerb Three months and a low of \$325-725'z. Trading was mostly quist and leatureless with light buying it the eltemoon pushing the 532, 33. Turnover: 17,400 tv Spat: 26-28 cents a pound. Turngver: 17,400 typnes. U.S.

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night closed at \$329.25 an about a downlurn in the U.S. ounce, \$12.25 down on a week economy, and a decline in New ago. The decline in gold, and York copper prices in the face of other procious metals, reflected of poor demand, brought sharp against a high uncovered posthe unexpected strength in the price falls that wiped out earlier ition. exacerbated by a shortage sharply, following the surprise little buying resistance. Base metals quoted in sterling decision hy workers on strike on the London Metal Exchange since October 1 at Asarco's Base metals quoted in sterling decision hy workers on strike the board yesterday at £179 a on the London Metal Exchange since October 1 at Asarco's tonne, up £64 on the day and had a mixed performance. Glover lead smelter to accept £110.70 on the week. Forward Copper hit the highest levels the company's latest pay offer for 15 months early in the weck and go back to work, in spite of following a further decline in their union's recommendation LME warehouse stocks. further not to do so. It is thought this week.

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<upplies November potatoes went off positions traded quietly, how-

79: 87.67 (97.32); five-day everage ter Novembor 30: 97.65 (97.691.

COFFEE (Yestard'ys' + er' Businese

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7.35, July untraded, 5apt 100.40-98.40, Seles: 61 lets ol 100 lonnes. Barley:

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POTATOES

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LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

MARKET REPORT

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Investors stay on sidelines awaiting Telecom debut and leading shares drift back from record highs

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investors were reluctant to enter into fresh commitments on the last trading session before British Telecom and leading consequently drilled from their mid-week shares awav record highs. The lutt in activity was hardly surprising in view of the heavy oversubscription of BT, which has drained market funds, and was welcomed by many traders. It allowed time to prepare for the stuck's debut. scheduled for 3 pm on Monday to colocide with first-time deat ings in American markets.

Wall Street's continued dullness overnight, a reflection of the latest sluggish phase in the U.S. economy, put London equity dealers on the defensive from the opening. Sporadic nervous selling accelerated the decline over the next hour or so but values steadied before midday. Interest thereafter was minimat with operators' thnughts nhsessed by the various estimates of the likely opening trading range of British Telecom. These varied from 15 to 20 pence premium on the partlypaid issue price of 50p.

The absence of any significant eninpuny trading announcements contributed to the markel's apathy. A few new takeover developments, including hid approaches, caused packets of specialist niteresi, but an overall drab trading session ended with the FT Ordinary share index down 8.5 at 917.3. This repre-sents a fall of nearly 12 points Wednesday's all-time peak nf 929.2

The latest upsurge in U.S. money growth, although it following details of the agreed remains well within the target sale of its wallpaper operations range, dampened enthusiasm to William Morris Fine Arts and range, dampened enthusiasm for Gilt-edged sccurities, Sentlment was also influenced hy a suggestinn that UK public expenditure was likely to be higher than expected. Trode In shart and longer-dated Governmest stocks was light throughout the day, but sterling's steadier showing against the dollar ---- the U.S. currency strengthened further agalost some Contlnentals ---- helped reduce the losses is Gilts to fractional amounts

Bank aof England's proposed new debi regulations, coupled with fears of increased competition following Midland Bank's plans for free banking facilities continued to undermine the major clearing banks. Quuta-tions, already weak after 9 bout of selling late oo Thursday, opened lower and fell further hefore a partial rally left prices above the worst. Double figure falls remained however. with

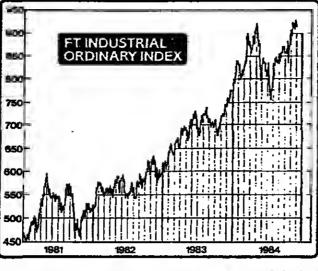
fails remained however, with Barclays, ä17p, and Midland, 342p, buth dawn 10. Linyds fell 13 to 507p and NatWest gave up 17 to 555p. Royal Bank of Seni-tand, up 8 on Thursday feltow-ing the better-than-expected results dinned 4 to 2340 results, slipped 4 to 234p. Insurances went easier before stagnor a minor rally. Commer-ctat Union settled a couple of ponce cheaper at 179p. after 178p, while Røyals closed 4 lower at 543p, after 540p. Gen-eral Accident lost 10 tu 527p and GRE shed 8 to 685p. Life

issues were irregular. Hambru Life rose 7 to 473p and Legal and General hardened a few pence to 52Sp, but Sun Life lost 10 to 683p and Equity and Law eased 6 to 227p.

Several recently-issued equities continued to allract support, albeit in narrow markets. Media Technology gained 9 more 10 169p, while insteat rose 10 to 1Sap and CVD firmed 7 to 142p. Wordle Sinrey, however, en-countered profit-taking and slipped 3 tn 169p. Most leading Buildings closed

easier in the face of tight sell-ing, but Redland hardened 3 to 278p following favourable of pence after-hours, fails still comment on the interim res Elsewhere, Marshalls (Halifaxt dropped 20 to 218p on the proposed 15.5m rights issue which accompanied the half-year accompanied the half-year figures. French Kier lusis the jurn at 127p on news of an agreed offer for William Moss, a private huilding concern, but Leyland Paint gained 24 ju 29 p the araoting of an option to a L'anadian partnership in acquire more lo 568p, after 560p. shares in its associate Berkley, Wiggins Group encoustered scrappy selling and shed 3 to 42p, but Berkley contioued to attract support ahead of the interim results due op December 17 and firmed 5 afresh to 140p. ICI, a firm market recently no currency influences, softened a couple of pence in 678p. but retained a galo on the week of

Amoog other Chemicals, Further consideration of the Brillsb Tar Products improved showing scattered losses, but week of 50, awaiting further hid



to 7Sp; the half-year figures Telecomputing provided a bright spot at 330p. up 15, in response in favourable Press mentioo. AB are due next Thursday. Coalite. interim results scheduled for Electrunies, in contrast, eased 12 to äl3p following the chair-man's statement at the annual meeting. Volex, a good market Wednesday, hardened o penny to 194p. Coales Brolhers A firmed 4 to 116p on occasinnal interest, while Morceau Holdings earlier in the week 99 the interim figures, met with profit-taking and gave up 5 to 133p, Among the leaders, BICC, down rose 6 to 156p.

Stores lose ground Reports of a disappninting 5 at 23ap, failed to benefit from Reports or a disapplinting start to the all-important Christ-mas spending period coupled with "take profits" edvice left leading Stores with substantial the proposed restructuring of a number of its businesses in the north-west.

Engineers iraded tosses across the board. Although Leading issues drifted off a few selected issues rallied a couple but secondary stocks pence, provided the occasional small feature. United Wire improved extended to double-figures, Burton shed 11 to 385p, while Bonts, 185p, and British Home, 266p, gave up 6 apiece. Dis-10 117p, up 4, on the increased dividend and profits, while 600 Group edged up a peony more appointment with the mid-term to 93p in response to the good statement continued to upseitle Hahlat Mobercare, which dupped to 35%p before settling a net 10 off at 364p — a two-day decline of 26; the 94 per cent Gonvertible fell 14 points in 5242 Woniwarth resulted further half-year profits recovery, Delta closed a share harder at 94p; the company aonounced yester-day that it had agreed the sale of Deltaflow for approximately £242. Woniwarth reacted further £4.5m cash. to bearish circulars from a number of brokers and fell 2

Secondary issues provided the niajor movements in Foods. Press comment stimulated The Currys/Dixins situatino Meadow Farm Produce, up 25 continued to domeszie until to 31ap in a restricted market, news that Dixoss had gained while fresh buying shead of the control; the offer is now uncon-ditional as to acceptance. Up 13, lifted Canvermoor 8 for a to 549p to initial trading, Currys two-day gain of 18 in 73p. Freshfell to 522p oo the announcebake reacted to 95p following ment hefore closics 4 95 09 the reduced half-year profits, but halance at 529p. Dixens rose 6 rallied to close just 3 cheaper to 434p. on balance at 100p. 09 the take-A rather subdued tradiog over front, Cullens Ordinary session coded with Electricals firmed 5 to \$10p. a gain of the

developments: the A slipped 5 spuring 80 to 390p in after-haurs to 370p, but retained a five-day dealings following news of a bid rise of 30. POC fell of reach in related Financials with Jiercantile Hause 10 to the good at 258p. and Mitls and Allen International 15 better at 320p. BOC fall afresh

Invent/Energy advance

Thursday evening's late raily in the leading Gils failed to follow through inth initial trad-

ing yesterday and most isues drifted back o nlack of interest.

However, the two leaders BP and Shell pucked up in the afternoon

after 496p. Current bid favourite

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LASMO encountered profit-taking

Secondary stocks provided a

lowest closing level since July

sequently lost ground for the

fourth successive trading day,

Losses, which were cumpion

throughout the list, owed more to a general lack of interest ruther than any significant selling

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Stores Electro

Overse

BOC remained 3 pervous market ahead of next Thursday's preliminary results and eased afresh to cluse 7 lower at 255p. Other leading miscellaneous industrial leaders finished above the lowest in places. BTR ending only a couple of pence cheaper at 544p. Beecham. a good market since the interim figures, drifted back 6 to 377p, Elsewhere, Slebe advaored 20 in 440p on speculaion about a share stake change to close nnly a fraction easier ing hands. Scapa Group, still on halance. Shell settled 3 off reflecting bumper interim figures, at 640p, after 636p and BP were advaoced 10 further for a two-day virtually unchanged at 500p. rise of 42 to 400p. Press mention stimulated Avon Ruhher, 10 10 the good at 213p, while comment and dipped to 348p gefore closing also left Gesteiner A 4 dearer at a net 6 cheaper at 350p while 839 and S. I. Group a like amount falls of 3 were common to un at 49p. Fading hopes of a bid Tricentrol, 203p and Ultramar. up at 49p. Fading hopes of a bid from British Petroleum prompted renewed duliness in Juhnson and

Matthey which clo-ed a lower at couple of firm features in Invent Energy which jumped 42 more to a year's best of 505p-a week's gain of 75-amid rumours of another 9il discovery in the Paris Basin, Jackson Exploration Among Leisure issues, Madminster attracted support following Press comment and moved up 13 to 10bp. Renewed demand in a restricted market lifted Pleasorama 17 19 3S2p, but Midsnmmer Inos shed 10 to 215p responded to speculative buying and maved up 5 to 9Sp.

folowing the board's profils **Poor** week in Golds warning, Among televisions, Type Mining markets ended a Tees rose 10 to 165p, after 170p, in reply to the increased annual generally poor week 99 a depressed note as builton failed to profits and dividend. show any signs of staging a rally.

Motor Components again pre-Motor Components again pre-sented an iregular profile. Danlop reacted afresh to nervous selling week's fall of \$12.23 and its reacted afresh to nervous selling and gave up 2 more to 24p awaiting news of the capital reorganisation. Junas Woodbrad also eused 2 for a week's loss of 8 to 32p; the interim results are due next Friday. lo contrast. Armstrong Equipment responded to speculative support and rose 3; lo 37p.

quietly.

East Lancashire Paper were a pressure. particularly volatile market: down particularly valatile market; down to 100p in early business on 6.2 on the day and 31.9 nn the news that talks with an unnamed week to 544.3.

FINANCIAL TIMES	STOCK	INDICES

	NEV. 30	Nov. 29	Nov. 28	Nov. 27	Nov. 26	Nov. 2.5	year ago
Government Socs	83,00	83,12	82.96	83,00	65.06	82.94	_
Fixed interest	86,11	86.22	66,16	86,95	85,06	86,09	86,20
Industrial Drd	917.3	925,8	929.2			910,3	
Gold Mines	544.3	550,5				676.2	
Ord. Div, Yield	4,63	4,60	4,60		4,65		
Earnings, Yid.", ifull:	11,25	11,17					
DIE Datio (pati (F)	19.65	19,79	19,71	1u.65	10,60	19,81	
Total bargoine (Est.)	20,043	20,114	20,643	17,481	19,918	21,880	10,915
Equity turnovar "m.	_	316,57	356.29	296.63	271,90	279.41	342.07
Equity bargains	-	16,782	16,560	15,221	14,685	18,375	16,747
Shares traded imit	_	155.1	191.0	164,3	153,9.	162.4	159,8
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LEADERS AND LAGGARDS

Percentage changes since December 30, 1983, based on Thursday, November 29, 1984

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mei Group	+27.00	Motors	+ 12.9
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as Traders .	+ 19 17		

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news that talks with an unnamed third party had proved to be fruitless, the shares relified to fruitless, the shares relified to that Mr Lan Wasserman's G. M. Firth nnw controls 13.34 per cent of the equity. East Lanca- shire then dipped to 104p after- thours-a net loss of 7 op the day -as original suitors British Syphon increased its offer opec gazin. The rerised hid is final and will ool be extended beyood December IS. Leading Properties continued in drift slightly lower. Land by the general downturn in week to 544.3. Finanelals fell oway on per- sistent small selling prompted by the general downturn in metal prices and the tread in domestic equities. Australians staged a gond rally on the eve of the Federal electico although the movement was regarded as largely reconical. The leaders showed rises in the region of 3 ip 5, as in MiM Hoidlogs. 182p and CRA, 362p, while a oumber of the specula- tive golds attracted good support. Traded Options figilshed the week's dally average to 4,509. The FT-SE 100 lodex accounted for a fair slice of yesterday's urrover with 495 calls and 39S puls dnoe. Marks and Spencer	Based on bainting over the hve-day period anding Thursday. Ligit Change Less Change No. nt Thurs, on the nt Thurs, on
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Metals and Metal Form		156.45	-0.2	14.64	7.82	8.54	156.80		158.99	160.46	167.54	209.74	13/3	153.97	18/10		13/3/84	49.65	6/1/75
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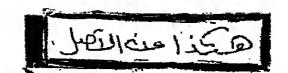
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Sir Dougias Morpeth has been appointed a director of BRITISH-RORNEO PETROLEUM SYNDI-CATE.

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Mr Adrian Murphy, formerly London sales manager of Firth Carpets, has been appointed sales and marketing director of Whitley Willows Mill and Sbelley Textiles, subsidiaries of READICUT INTERNATIONAL. Pioney, Mr J. C. Short, Mr R. A. Shnttlewood and Mr D. M. Wadwell have joined the part-

Dership of DE ZOETE AND BEVAN, stockbrokers. Mr R. J. (Bob) Wells has been appointed a director of CENTURY POWER AND Mr W. E. C. D'Abbans, deputy LIGHT, oil exploration and production company in which IC Gas (Imperial Continental chairman and chief executive, has been appointed chairman of KING & SHAXSON. following Gas Association) holds the conthe retirement of Mr T. S. Hohler. trolling interest (58.82 per cent). He retains his appointment 23 commercial and general mana Mr G. Paul Ledeboer, who has

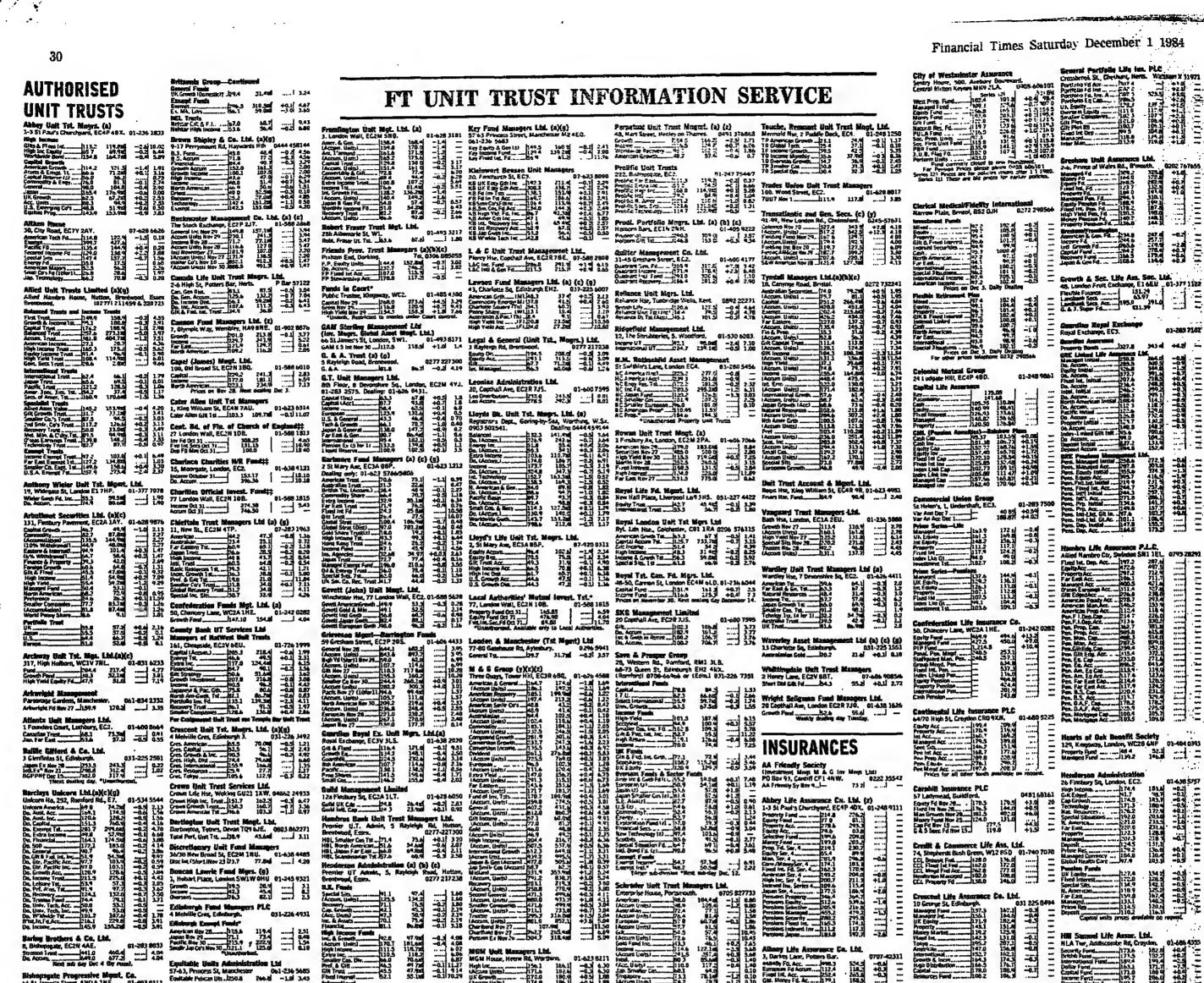
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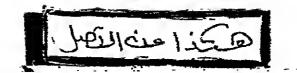
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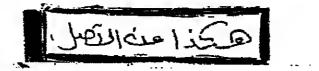
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BY REGINALD DALE

A BEAMING Senator Robert

Dole stood in the Senale finance

committee room on Wednesday

afternoon, publicly relishing his

Republican Majority Leader-

A lot of people he had not heard from lately had tele-

phoned their congratulations, he

said-former President Richard Nixon, the Presiden!, the Vice-

President, the Secretary of

Commerce and the Secretary of Transportation. His wife, Eliza-

beth. was standing right next to him. "Are you free for lunch tomorrow?" he asked.

It is a social cliche in Wash-

ington that Boh and Liddy Dole

-the second most powerful couple after the Reagans-de

not see much of one another.

Indeed, they actively cultivate

the image of two hard-working

professionals at the top of the Washington pyramid, whose

lives are devoted mainly to

Bob Dole is now going to be

even busier than be bas been

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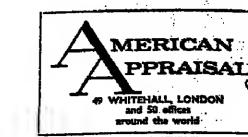
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FINANCIAL TIMES

Saturday December 1 1984



Heath derides Thatcher's MAN IN THE NEWS 'kitchen-sink' economics **Reagan's**

BY MARGARET VAN HATTEM, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

night derided what he called the kitchen-sink economics of the underlying the housewife Government's reluctance to increase public horrowing and accused the Government of

undue risks with taking Britain's social stability. Mr Heath, Tory Prime Minister in 1970-74, was speak-ing to the Peel Society in Staffnrdshire and in s recorded interview on the Channel 4 tclevision programme A Week in Politics in which he elabor-

in Politics in which he elabor-ated nn his speech. He crilicised the Gnvernment for its handling of the miners' strike, its refusal to invest in industry. its cuts in student grants the abalilion of the strike a large rollowing among Thry hackhenchers. In his speech Mr Heath used the 150th anniversary of Tory Sir Robert Peel's Tamworth Manifestin — in which the principles of the emerging Con-

MR EDWARD HEATH last and spending cuts in the bу Foreign Office budget. He said these criticisms were not coded — they were intended to be outspoken. Tbey have come at a time of mounting unease and criticism of the Government

> the feeling in Downing Street last night was that Mr Heath's contribution might inadvertently help the Government. It was suggested that he did not have a large following among

grants, the abolition of the servative Society were first Greater London Council and the outlined, st an election — to metropolitan county council, praise Peel for qualities which

him from the present Tory leadership. Peel was Prime Minister in 1834-35 and 1841-46. He said: "It is our calling to evolve the policies that will mitigate the hardships of farfrom within the Tory Party on all these issues. None the tess reaching change. We must move forward to defuse conflict and tensions lest they engulf the

state and destroy liberty." In his television interview Mr Heath confirmed that he considered the Government in be taking undue risks with Britain's social stability. "1 think that's very obvious," be

said. He said abolition of the GLC and the metropolitan counties, to be debated in the Commons next week, would do nothing to uphold the rights of the democratic majority.

implication distinguished

former head for \$2m By William Hall in New York

group sues

U.S. finance

AFTER repeated telephone calls snd some not so polite letters,

Corporation Financisl of America, the parent of the biggest U.S. savings institution. is suing its former head, Mr Charlie Knapp, for \$2m (£1.7m) it paid him hours before he was forced to resign.

the supply of BT shares over-whelmed by the tide of applica-tions. Dealings in the unofficial FCA has already put on sale the five company scroplanes, "grey" market-including hedg-475 company cars and more ing with bookmakers-suggest than 40 flats which were the an opening price in excess of 70p just the sort of lift-off that hallmark of Mr Knapp's corporate empire. The company would be guaranteed to ignite a first class political row. wants the moncy, paid to Mr Knspp when FCA was teelering But if the partly-paid shares on the verge of collapse last August, to be returned.

do go to a 40 per cent premium, or anything of the kind, it is not only the opponents of priva-According to court papers. According to court papers. Mr Knapp, aged 49, the architect of FCA's meteoric growth, refused to resign until he had been paid the mooey, more than four times his annual salary. FCA's new management team tried to stop tisation, and sopbisticated critics of over-generous pricing, who may be annoyed. For in that event it is likely that the cake will have been divided in a way that leaves nearly every class of applicant with some the payment but the money had thing other than they bargained already been deposited in a for. Swiss bank account. Institutions outside the under-

The Federal Home Loan writing group will have Bank board which supervises reckoned on being scaled down. FCA and the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco. though not on heing excluded altogether. And the individual which lent FCA money during sharebolders for whose benefit this summer's run on its the exclusion may take place deposits, have urged the com-pany to try to get its money back to show that even top could find that as their allocations are pared back, their ration of perks is trimmed back managers of financial institueven further. First-time sbare tions which run into difficulties suffer some loss.

buyers, in particular, might then come to feel — and with some justice — that they had been let down with a bump. To FCA had hoped that the enterprising Mr Knapp, who has recently re-entered the lose the last few shares needed to qualify for the expected number of vouchers would cut financial services business with most of bis old chums from FCA, would do the decent thing and return the money. the effective yield on an appli-cation in a peculiarly agonising Mr Knapp had shown no signs way. doing so. FCA is taking

At tihs stage. little or noth-ing can be done to avoid com-plaints: that would require him to court, claiming that the payment was "unfair and grossly excessive," "But for Knapp's adamant

changing the rules after the game has started. It is equally impossible to pull sbares back from the large UK institutions refusal to depart unless he received a substatial payment, FCA's board of directors would never have agreed to make such or reduce the numbers offered in overseas markets, to increase a payment to him," FCA is arguing in its case. The directhe ratio of vouchers and bonus entitlements, or to throw extra tors believed they bad no choice but to yield to Mr Knapp's demands in return for his agree-

But the critical divergence

assessment of the priorities towards achieving greater EEC

unity. President Mitterrand stressed

that the EEC must continue to "reinforce its political capa-

cities" France's position was represented by the report drawn up by M Maurice Faure for

EEC heads of government at

next week's Dublin summit which advocates further steps

In contrast Mrs Thatcher

emphasised the "practical steps that needed to be taken to remove barriers in the Euro-

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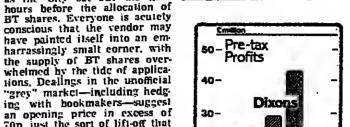
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THE LEX COLUMN **Teasing time** for Telecom

There was the whift of Index fell 8.5 to 917.3 impending sensation last night as the City sat out the final



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square the BT circle, taking

tions have taken to BT in a

big way, although this may not stop them taking a quick profit next week.

But UK institutions, worried about making up their weight-ing in the new telecommunica-

tions index may hold on to

almost everything they get. It

is no accident that the only other stock in the sector-Cable

& Wireless—has risen 17 per cent during the BT selling period. And if too many stags should metamorphose into long-

term investors, BT could easily have an explosive debut.

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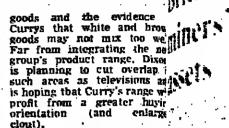
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clout). There seems sense in keepig two distinct chains, directed distinct spending groups (an sexes), but in holding Curry very much to the lower end the market, Dixons might a well to look to morale in; family business defeated but m humbled.

For the moment, Dixnes i fighting sby of some of the more outre notions put forwar by the Curry family and m advisers during the defense Mr Kalms has a retailer'a dis square the bit chicle, taking its mnney without paying ton heavy a political price. Where the stags will break cover is another question: there are already signs that U.S. institutaste for rental business, and that looks set for disposal of winding down, and he can free, and cash by hiving off Currys' hire purchase business. But the property sale - and - leaseback arrangement, so conveniently aired by the defence, will prob ably be a limited affair. A relatively steady approach will scarcely alienate the institu-tions who rallied to the Dixms share during the bid, but some reaction might not be wholly surprising.

Heron

As one of Brtain's mot notoriously private company Heron makes few appearance in the London capital market When sighted in recent years it has often enough been as the under-bidder in auctions companies like the old Wool and worth, NDS and Associated Communications. Through these profitble manoeuvra Heron seemed to have per fected a technique for raising money on the Stock Exchange without coming clse to issuing any equity of its own, Heron has now surfaced as

All manner of cruel and any equity of its own, we wounding things flew about Heron has now surfaced as during the big struggle, yet a pioneer in the Euromatkets, A.? entitlements, or to throw extra BT shares into the auction. In every case, lhese obvious ways of solving the problem are either impractical or plain lileral. But from the hard-brow or blow and the beginning of Octo-advantage to Heron is that the brow are blow or blow are blow or blow

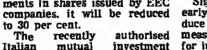
Italy relaxes exchange controls

BY JAMES BUXTON IN ROME

ITALY, which has the EEC's OECD countries. For investtightest foreign exchange con- ments in shares issued by EEC trols, yesterday announced sigto 30 per cent. nificant reductions in curbs on overseas investment, foreign travel allowances and trade

бпапсе. The cbanges are partly because of mounting pressure from the European Commission in Brussels to relax controls. They follow modest measures taken a few weeks ago by France.

It emerged yesterday, however, that the Italian Government is considering tighter regulations on investment by foreign companies in Italy. ... Under the liberalisation measures, announced hy Sig Nicola Capria, the Foreign Trade Minister, the size of the con-interest hearing densit non-Interest bearing deposil which must be made in respect of investments abroad will fail from 50 per cent to 40 per cent for Investments in EEC and



Italian mutual investment funds will no longer have to make a deposit on the 10 per cent of assets they are allowed to invest abrosd. Italians travelling abroad

will be allowed to take banknotes equivalent to take to take about L1m (f440) instead of the L300,000 permitted at pre-sent. They will also have

unrestricted use of credit cards abroad for tourist spending. Companies Companies engaging in foreign trade will be allowed slightly greater flexibility over

the periods in which foreign exchange may be held before Sig Capria said he would try making and after receiving pay-ments. In addition, they will then to amend the tough Law no longer be forbidden to pay 159 of 1976, which imposes for imported goods and ser-vices before the date due for minor foreign currency offences.

Sig Capria said he hoped early in the New Year to introfurther liberalisation measures relating to payment exports.

Italy, were seen generally as representing only a small step 1970s.

Last year Italy recorded a small balance of payments surplus after several years of deficits. This year's expected surphis of L2,000bn will be of manageable propurtions.

to speed approval of legislation to amend the tough Law 159 of 1976, which imposes criminal penalties for relatively

Italians flood Europe's wine lake

BY IVO DAWNAY IN BRUSSELS

WITHOUT a single extra grape agenda because failure to agree figures submitted by Rome, Italy being squeezed, the level of a policy for restraint is holding would run out of wine stocks before the new harvest was in.

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for imports and settlements for The measures, agreed with the Treasury and the Bank of

towards dismantling controls which were strongly reinforced when the lira came under severe pressure in the mid-

Sig Capria said he would try



ROBERT DOLE

energetic "can-do" political operator. As Majonity Leaderthe most powerful position in the Senate-he will be responsible for steering President Ronald Reagan's second-term legislative programme through Congress, and for saying "no to Mr Reagan when necessary.

He will have a smaller majority to play with than his much-respected predecessor, Senator Howard Baker of Tennessee (with nnly 53 **Republican** Senators against 55 before this month's elections) and he will have to cope with what may he an increasingly restive "mnderate" wing.

Dole himself, once strictly conservative, is now more moderate na economic, social and foreign policy, althnugh still to the right of centre hy the standards of most democrats. In his nwn party, he has distanced himself from the ideological right-wing and its slde" "supply economic philosnphy.

Facing re-election in 1986, he will have to continue to nurse his Kansas constituency, and it ia sn open secret that he is considering running for President in 1938. It is only hatf a joke in the family that the two Doles might run on the same ticket, although Mr Dole says that he does not know which one would agree to be vicepresident.

Chinese 5pc 1913... £23 + 2 Avon Rubber £13 + 10 Invent Ecergy 510 + 47 On Wednesday. Dole was coy Leyland Paint 291 + 21 Martin (R. P.) 390 + 80 Meadow Farm Prod 315 + 25 about his Presidential aspira-tions. Asked shout his plans, he

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 replied. Γm not worried about '88. I'm worried about lunch." But he did say that he thought Walter Mondale, this year's defeated Democratic challenger, had made a mistake by seeking too much early exposure as a candidate, two to Tetecomputing ... 330 + 15 Tyne Tees TV A ... 165 + 10 three years before the election.

President Gerald Ford's defeated vice-president running mate in 1976, Dole once had a reputation for shraslveness verging on rudeness. After a hostite 1976 Vice-Presidential debate with Mondale, he acquired the reputation as Ford's hatchet man, and was blamed for being at least partly responsible for President Jimmy Carter's narrow victory.

Since then, he has mellowed, partly, it is said. under the in-fluence of his wife, who he married in 1975. A young-looking 6t, he is now regarded as one of the party's elder statesmen, and bis renowned wit is less acerbic.

There is no doubt that he will stand up toughly to Mr Reagan if he feels he has to and the budget deficcit to which he wants to give top priority, could prove one of the first bones of contention.

Europe's wine lake rose several up community membership talks feet yesterday when the with Spain and Portugal. With Italians produced 1.8bn kitres out a deal, the EEC would be unable to contain the costs of of wine out of thin air. This remarkable discovery a ridal wave of wine flooding will come as some relief to the in over the Pyrenees. EEC's budget managers who The story of Italy's prodigal have long ouzzled over why 1.gon litres explains, at least they have been paying Ecu 1bn in part, why wine sector spend-(£590m) to distill 3bn litres ing doubled this year. of wine, more than half of which did not appear to exist Every December, member states are required to submit in production estimates subtheir projection for wine pronitted by Italy and other duction and consumption. producers. this figure breaches a certain It will be no relief at all. total, the surplus is distilled nowever, to the heads of into industrial alcohol at low covernment who have to agree prices. There is therefore an incennow to cut the ever-more costly wine surplus at a summit in

tive for countries to underesti-Dublin next week. mste productinn. Last yesr the commission noticed that on Wine will top the summit

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McGahey and Mr Heathfield flict of interest between their were not fit and proper persons to be in charge of other people's monev union. They had been party to a

that conflict they had preferred series of deliberate. flagrant contempt of court orders which had put the union's funds in jeopardy.

CHIEF PRICE CHANGES YESTERDAY

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He said that Mr Scargill. Mr there was a fundamental conduties as trustees and their functions as officers of the When they had had to resolve

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own judgment of output. That does not explain, bowever, how the 1.8bn litres equivalent to 25 per cent of Italian production-went astray. Italian statistics nortoriously hapbazard and some observers suggest that the 16

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In fact, of course, Italian pro

duction was running at its usual

heady level. Coosequently the

commission decided to make Its

Continued from Page 1 figures for consumption and output were mixed up. Others are less charitable. **EEC links** Neither answer takes away

tions.

the need for further rigorous bas been given three montha restraints on EEC output. But to prepare a report. Italy and France are now st At a press conference after the summit President Mitter-rand was more reserved in his loggerbeads over how to do this

expressions of warmth, confining himself to speaking of the "great constancy of Franco-Britisb relations." He also used there were to be a receiver, be should be appointed only in rethe occasion to express his spect of the Luxembourg funds disagreement with Britain's -which was the reason why the decision to pull out of the United Nations Educational. appointment was sought as a matter of urgency. Scientific and Cultural Organi-

A total receivership over all sation (Unesco). the NUM's assets and property " could mean the death of the union in terms of operationsl ability," he said. between the two governments as it emerged in the comments of the two leaders was in their

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Kinnock

There were legitimate fears for civil liberties. Mr Artbur Scargill, president

..... 24 - 2 of the National Union of Mine-Habitat Mothercare 364 - 10 workers, was delayed by a court hearing in London. But when Johnson Matthey ... 68 - 5 507 - 13 his name was mentioned to the Marshalls Halifax... 218 - 20 audience as a speaker, there was Midiand Bank 342 - 10 a full-throated cheer. 558 - 17

The drift back to work slowed markedly yesterday. The National Coal Board said that only 129 strikers returned, taking the figure for the week to 2,155 compared with just under 6,000 in the previous week. Y'dey midday *C *F 25 77 1 34 0 32 12 64

"I think I rather shocked them," she added, "by reply-ing that I would need to know The NCB said a total of 15,000 miners had returned in Novem-ber and that 46 of Britain's what is meant by it before I could tell whether I was for it ber and that 46 or Britain's 174 collieries were working normally, Eighteen pits were producing some coal. Aboot 36 per cent of the NUM's 189,000 members are said to be not on strike or against it. It is important that people define their terms." br against the that people define their terrore She described the Europe she wanted in the following tenenage. "We want to see danguage. "We want to see greater unity of the Community market, grester units of Comnot on strike.

Three pits in Scotland are producing some coal, ont of a total of 12; seven in North munity action in world affairs, greater unity of purpose and Derbysbire out of nine: 25 out of 25 in Nottinghamshire: 12 out of 15 in the South Mid-lands; and all 17 in the Westthe development and applica-tion of new technology." ern area.

In a detailed breakdown for She added in an implicit Friday, November 23, the NCB said there were 66.227 NUM reference to the report drawn up hy Senator Jim Dooge of Ireland on EEC union, of which members not on strike. It also reported that during that week 123 working miners rejoined M Faure's report is an element. "Another report is no sub-stitute for progress." tha strike.

ient to leave the company. illegal. FCA says Mr Knapp took grossly oppressive and unfair hoiled advantage of FCA's economic necessities and distress" In demanding the money. It believed that Mr Knapp's resignation was essential to restore confidence in the company. Mr Knapp has denied the allega-

Treasury, the whole exercise will in any case be a triumph. Perversely, it could also vindicate the existence of that much despised species, the stag. If enough stags emerge next week. to supply the market with a critical supply of stock, the

But from the hardviewpoint of the

mixture of currencies is a good ber, Dixons can look to Currys' own promises of better beha-viour for a combined full-year on the continent. To get the pre-tax profit of over £50m with-out further buying. out further buying. Even Dixons' Mr Stanley Kalms may leave it till after the addition of warrants raw the weekend before tip-toeing to some of the gilt from Ealing to stare in wonder at a Heron's gingerbread. But what fridge. But Dixons waves aside do the warrants convert into!

for a private company, though Government could still bope to both its inexperience of white Another shoe of plain old debt

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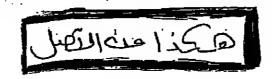
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